



**Ironwood Community Partners, Inc.**

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*“Renewal through Preservation”*

**Re: Protect the Community Investment Act**

Dear Legislators:

**Ironwood Community Partners, Inc.** is committed to coordinate community resources to improve the quality of life through historic preservation, energy conservation, economic growth and environmental sustenance.

Our Professionally based non-profit organization accomplishes this mission by interpreting the needs of our clients and exploring adaptive reuse of their culturally significant facilities:

We are working to save and reuse the Historic Oliver Filley Farmstead for the Town of Bloomfield and the Clay Hollow Tile Barn Structure ( National Register Status) for Auer Farm funded in part with multiple grants from the Ct. Trust for Historic Preservation .

We are restoring a significant Barn structure in Windsor to be the home of a growing Community Supported Agri-business in part with a grant from the Ct. Dept. of Agriculture.

We are working with the 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational Church of Bloomfield to establish a long term maintenance and restoration program of this beautiful 1850 structure funded in part from the Ct. Trust for Historic Preservation.

We are working with Oak Hill School of Hartford to restore and reuse Founders Hall (one of three original campus buildings) into a Life skills Educational Center funded in part from SHPO.

Without these State agencies offering resources to help fund these re-purposing projects our Heritage will continue to fall into dis-repair and reach an end of their useful lives. Our clients will be forced to cancel their plans to save these important historic buildings, because they do not have sufficient funds on their own.

We understand that the Community Investment Act helps fund these State Agencies and others so they can continue to do the important work of preserving our State of Connecticut irreplaceable resources.

Ironwood Community Partners urges you to not make cuts to the CIA program.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Executive Director,  
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