

The proposed cuts to the budget that will impact the CEQ, the state parks and the Community Investment Fund are not in the best interest of our state. I urge you to continue to fund these programs.

Funding the CEQ is important to Connecticut residents and the environmental health of our state. Independently reporting on the state of our environment and actively responding to citizen's concerns is vital and well worth the minimal funding required to keep the CEQ in place. Please continue to fund the council.

Connecticut has a vast and impressive parks system that we should all be proud of. Cutting this budget is something Connecticut would never recover from. Our parks are vital to the residents. They provide recreation opportunities that can't be replicated and protect natural habitats that can never be reproduced. They also draw tourists to our state who wish to witness the beauty and diversity that can only be found here. Staffing and funding the state parks is the only way to ensure they are protected. Don't put them in jeopardy and risk harming such an essential piece of our state.

High quality of life and unique character are two important reasons to reside in Connecticut. We have a rich history that should be protected. The Community Investment Fund is crucial to our state. Open space and farmland preservation is imperative to maintaining the character of Connecticut and the health of our environment. Don't destroy our beauty and history by cutting this fund.

Sincerely,
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