

**Please continue to fund the Community Investment Act.** Those funds have allowed Municipalities and Land Trusts to move forward to purchase land for Open Space. Most important is the need to protect watersheds that run into our drinking water supplies as well as into our rivers and streams that run into Long Island Sound. These funds allow partnerships between the local entities and the State. None of these projects can be done alone. Without the CIA Funds, Water protection and wildlife corridors protection will come to a screeching halt. Protection of Farmland, so much of the resources of this State as well as historic sites, will be severely curtailed. **Please say “NO” to the cuts to the Community Investment Act.**

Thank you for allowing my input into these Hearings.

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