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On behalf of the membership of Conn-NAHRO*

Conn-NAHRO is the Connecticut chapter of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials; its membership is comprised of Public Housing Authorities and other individuals and organizations involved in affordable housing.

Co-Chairpersons Senator Bye and Representative Walker and members of the Appropriations Committee

My name is John Rumberger; I am the Vice President of Housing and Legislation for Conn-NAHRO and also the Facilities Manager of the Middletown Housing Authority. We at CONN-NAHRO are writing in opposition of Governor Malloy's proposed Biennium Budget which would **Eliminate PILOT funding for State of Connecticut Moderate Rental Public Housing Properties** and would put the burden upon the residents of these developments to pay the PILOT payment to the Towns.

There are approximately 8,000 low-income families residing in 31 municipalities across the state including Bristol, Danbury, East Hartford, Enfield, Greenwich, Hartford, Mansfield, Meriden, Middletown, New Haven, Bridgeport, New London, Norwalk, Norwich, Seymour, Sharon, Stamford, Stratford, Westport, Wethersfield, Willimantic and other cities and towns that will be subjected to higher rental payments without restoration of this program. If the PILOT funding is not restored, the Housing Authorities will be forced to increase the base rents for the tenants which will result in rental increases of \$35 to \$118 per month or \$420 to \$1,416 each year. Unfortunately we are punishing the very municipalities who deliver much needed affordable housing in our state. This funding has been in place for nearly 40 years and has resulted in allowing us to deliver on our mission of providing "Safe, Decent and Affordable Housing".

On behalf of our member agencies and more importantly the residents of these properties, we request that you to please include funding for the PILOT program in the 2016-2017 budget.

Thank you for taking the time to read this testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

John Rumberger