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AppTestimony
The Community Investment Act

To Members of the Appropriations Committee,

I am emailing my testimony in strong opposition to Section 29(b) of Governor's Bill 946, An Act Concerning Revenue Items to Implement the Governor's Budget

Section 29(b) proposes a complete sweep of Community Investment Act (CIA) funds from 1/1/16 through 6/30/17 which would devastate the critical investments being made in the following 4 sectors: Agriculture/Farmland Preservation, Open Space, Historic Preservation, and Affordable Housing

As a CT resident one of the things i most value about this state is its open space. I am an avid hiker and amatuer naaturalist. I have served on a subcommittee of the Groton Open Space Commission and on the Tri Town Trail Association. CT has little industry but can boast about its beautiful scenic countryside and wild places for recreation.

CT is an expensive state to live in and jobs are not easy to come by. I have thought about moving because of those two reasons but I stay in part because of CT's natural beauty. Eliminating the source of funding for the Community Investment Act would negatively impact the many organizations throughout the state that work to preserve open space and would in turn affect wildlife and recreation in our state.

In addition the Community Investment Act supports local farms and dairy farmers. I take personal pride in supporting local businesses and when I buy milk or cheese I make sure I buy from Farmer's Cow or another local dairy. Helping local businesses grow and thrive can only be good for CT.

Please remove Section 29(b) of Governor's Bill 946 and protect Connecticut's quality of life.

Thank you,
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"Be grateful for your life, every detail of it, and your face will come to shine like a sun"
RUMI, as interpreted by Andrew Harvey