

HB 6825

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RE: HB 6825 An Act Making Deficiency Appropriations and Addressing the Deficit for the Current Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015.

I am John E. Hibbard. I reside at 1072 Gilead Street, Hebron, Connecticut and I am submitting the following testimony on HB 6825 in opposition to Section 5 of the bill which will divert \$15.2 million from Community Investment Act funds to address the budget deficit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 and will sweep funds for the 2016-2017 biennial budget.

Such a sweep will imperil programs supported by the Community Investment Act (CIA) which include Farmland Preservation, Open Space, Historic Preservation and Affordable Housing.

I urge the Committee to reject Section 5 and allow funds generated by the CIA to be used for their intended purpose since its enactment in 2005.

I appreciate the opportunity to present my views on Section 5 of HB 6825 as the CIA is the most effective program of this nature of the half century that I have been involved in advocating for the activities supported by this legislation.