

I am ENRAGED by the Governor's proposal to take back the \$15 million dollars already accumulated in the Community Investment Act's fund, as well as BREAK HIS PLEDGE to fund the account through 2017, in order to help balance the budget. Ct citizens understand that these funds were a GRANT, NOT A LOAN! Not only would such an act prevent the disbursement of these (and the consequent matching funds by Ct.residents) to worthy community initiatives, it reinforces my view and that of my friends and family in Northeast Ct. that any contributions to such programs will only be STOLEN BACK by our elected officials in Hartford to cover overruns in the budget.

The governor's proposal is similar to what happened a few years ago to address budget issues, when state officials took money from a fund to clean up the Long Island Sound that was directly subsidized by citizens through the purchase of special Ct. Long Island Sound license plates . And it is the same as the long-standing PILLAGING of the State's Transportation Fund for other purposes, which remains UNCONSCIONABLE!

RAIDING the Community Investment Act funds, in addition to new initiatives being pursued by the governor and his constituents with no way proposed of paying for them, have confirmed in my mind and those of others in my community that they are UNTRUSTWORTHY AND INCAPABLE OF MANAGING OUR HARD-EARNED TAX DOLLARS. I voted for the Governor and a number of his constituents in the past 2 elections. I will not make that same mistake again!

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