

Dear Governor and Finance Committee members,

Regarding the sweeping or swiping of funds from the Community Investment Act, this is an ill conceived and short sighted action.

Coming from Chicago suburbs, the charm of Connecticut was historic centers, tree-lined country roads, open space trails and green spaces, a surprising farm with a roadside stand. Tourists and residents expect 'something special' here; I do too if I am to stay in CT.

Please don't eviscerate the only means of helping towns with these projects. Please find money from a budget item where the taxpayers don't wish their money wasted; and contested; maybe Super 7 for example.

In Redding, these funds will help the town match the local land trust donation of \$175K to buy a significant parcel of land, protecting tributaries to the Saugatuck reservoir.

Please don't mess with something in our state government that actually works.

Thank you for listening,
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