

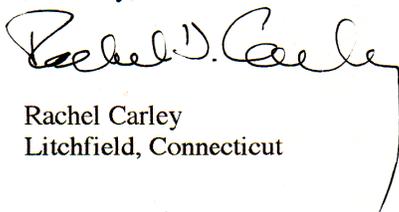
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I am writing to express my deep concern over proposed budget cuts to eliminate the funding provided by the Community Investment Act to its intended recipients. Historic preservation, conservation of farmland and open space and support of affordable housing are vital initiatives that cut across geographical and economic boundaries to benefit *everybody* in this state.

If this budget cut is made, what tools and processes will be put in place to replace these effective mechanisms for protecting the state's built and natural environment and creating thousands of jobs in the process? Wouldn't it make more sense to create other programs on this same successful model, rather than divert the funds from a program that is working so well? Please consider how deeply Connecticut would suffer from losing this program before cutting it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rachel D. Carley". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the typed name and address.

Rachel Carley  
Litchfield, Connecticut