

Governor Dan Malloy and Finance Committee,

As President and Board Chair of The Redding Preservation Society, I am writing to urge Governor Malloy NOT to sign the Bill 946 which would cut the budget for the Community Assistance Act. These funds are exceedingly necessary for the state's historic preservation, open space and affordable housing endeavors. The value created by historic preservation far outweighs the budgetary savings proposed by the bill. Connecticut is "revolutionary", so the sales pitch goes, but without funds for these important causes, our state will lose a very valuable and visible heritage. Tourists come to our state to take in the historic places and beautiful open spaces and they spend money. Once this funding is eliminated, many years of hard work will be neglected only to face an uncertain future.

On behalf of the Redding Preservation Society, I urge you to vote this bill down.

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