

March 28, 2016

Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 3700
Hartford, CT 06106

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been a resident of the city of Hartford for 38 years and the city's finances are as bad, if not worse, as I have ever seen them. Hartford's finances have been mismanaged for far too long and anyone who denies this is experiencing a different Hartford than the rest of us. As a community leader and, currently, elected member of the 6th district Town Committee, I have spoken with many residents who are troubled by the potential disastrous outcome if action is not taken to restore financial order. Mayor Bronin is looking out for the city beyond his tenure and some are finding his boldness threatening to the status quo. We all must come to the table and it might require positions to be cut or contracts to be renegotiated but ultimately we are all going to have to make sacrifices. Change is hard but Mayor Bronin is the right leader to guide us through the storm. His approach may not be popular but he is protecting homeowners, small-business owners, and all of the tax paying residents of our city. Years of bad deals have caught up to us. Hartford's spending has gotten out of control and we are inching closer to the point of no return. Tax paying residents in the city can no longer afford to deal the outrageous taxes and overspending. We are no longer able manage our own house and we desperately need an intervention. It must end here and the legislative decisions impacting the city of Hartford will undoubtedly be part of the legacy of our elected officials, if the city has to file for bankruptcy. The proposed measures by Mayor Bronin are an important step towards financial transparency in the city and must be strongly considered by the state legislature. We have faith that Mayor Bronin and the city council will make the right decisions. There are many residents of the city that support Mayor Bronin as he makes the difficult decisions required to get Hartford working again.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hyacinth Yennie". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Hyacinth Yennie