

March 1, 2106

**Public Hearing on**

**H.B. No. 5399 An Act Concerning State Reimbursement for Tax Abatements and  
Payments in Lieu of Taxes**

**Written Testimony of Cathy K. Forcier**

Ladies and Gentlemen–

I have been a public housing practitioner for over 25 years. My experience includes being the immediate past President of the Connecticut Chapter of the National Association of Housing & Redevelopment Officials more commonly known as CONN-NAHRO. I am currently the Executive Director of the Wethersfield Housing Authority.

I support the state paid PILOT for the State Moderate Rental Housing program properties. Without it, for my small 28 unit complex, this would mean a base rent increase of over \$100 per month. This would affect the poorest residents on the property. These households have an approximate average of \$22,000 in annual income. This size of a rent increase would be a great burden to them and could result in higher legal costs for eviction.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy K. Forcier