



March 3, 2016

**SUPPORT for Raised Bill No. 5480**  
**AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPLICATION OF LIENS RESULTING FROM UNPAID BLIGHT FINES,**  
**THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A LOAN FUND TO REMEDIATE BLIGHTED PROPERTIES, THE**  
**ESTABLISHMENT OF A TASK FORCE TO STUDY HOARDING AND THE MAINTENANCE OF**  
**PROEPRITIES IN FORECLOSURE.**

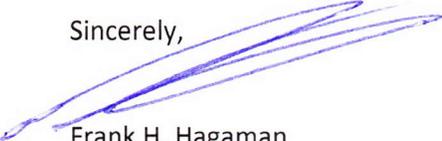
To: The Hon. Catherine A. Osten, Co-Chair, The Hon. Philip J. Miller, Co-Chair, The Hon. Steve Cassano, Vice-Chair, The Hon. Michael D'Agastino, Vice-Chair, The Honorable William Aman, Ranking Member, The Hon. Art Linares, Ranking Member and the members of the Planning and Development Committee

The Hartford Preservation Alliance urges your support of Raised Bill No. 5480. The City of Hartford, like most of the larger municipalities in the state, is faced with an economic disadvantage concerning its vacant and blighted properties. Blighted properties have an adverse impact on the market values of surrounding properties, cause needless additional expense on city services (including police and fire), and discourage growth and development in their neighborhoods.

In the city of Hartford, **45% of the known and city vacant properties are in designated National and State Historic Districts.** Approximately **400 properties** have been cited for blight and code violations. Any resource that can be made available to discourage these conditions as well as recoup expenses incurred for city services would be appreciated.

Your support of this bill would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



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