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Dear Senator Bye, Representative Walker, and distinguished members of the Appropriations Committee,

My name is Alan Tan. I am a resident of Rocky Hill, Connecticut and I write to you concerning the Asian Pacific American Affairs Commission, a legislative branch agency that serves you, the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut. I am one of the Commissioners, and recently was elected Treasurer of the Commission. I also serve on the Commission's Business and Economic Development Committee and the Education Committee, in addition to the Executive Committee due to my duties as Treasurer.

I write to you because I understand the difficulties that our elected leaders must face in addressing the competing needs of the state. I don't envy the difficult decisions that must be made. In that context, I wanted to take the time to give some perspective to the work that our agency does for and on behalf of the citizens of our great state.

Our government needs to focus on delivering what is solely the domain of government. In that context, we must focus critical state resources to that mission. The Commission helps the mission of government, because we are the State's only intermediary, ombudsman, and cultural liaison, that helps our government ensure that the services of government are inclusive of the Asian Pacific American communities that are traditionally and historically disenfranchised from government. As the newly elected Treasurer of the Commission, I take those responsibilities very seriously and I am working together with our other Commissioners to find new and innovative ways, including the revision of our strategic plan, to let our branch of state government better serve our citizens with the limited resources that we have.

Although these efforts are bearing some fruit, there is only so much that our agency can absorb before we reach a point where the lack of resources increases the disenfranchisement that this already disenfranchised community faces. It hampers our ability to go and ensure that our government is responsive to the needs of the fastest growing minority of the State of Connecticut. Together, we can use the growth of all the different minority groups here in the State of Connecticut as a catalyst for economic development, which is the only way that we can address our fiscal situation in a sustainable manner. I hope that we can work together to allocate resources in a manner where we can help the state better use the limited resources it

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has for the maximum good of all citizens of the State of Connecticut.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan C. Tan".

Alan C. Tan

Treasurer

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