

Dear legislators,

I was VERY disappointed to learn that Music Haven is NOT included in this year's state budget. We were TOLD that it was an accident, an oversight, and I hope that that is in fact the case. If so, I place my trust in you as people of power and authority, not to say goodwill also, to see to it that this error is rectified.

Music Haven is an exceptionally inexpensive and at the same time priceless way to improve the lives of young people. They ENJOY learning to perform classical music, a skill and a pleasure that will continue through their lives. The program also promotes community among the students and between the students and their teachers and mentors and even society at large. Learning a musical instrument is also a valuable way to learn discipline and attentiveness and collaboration, all of which are attitudes or skills that serve the possessor well during every period of life.

Music Haven means so much to the students! Please do everything you can to keep it alive and flourishing. I contribute to it regularly. Will you not have the great state of Connecticut join me?

With good hopes and best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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