



URGE YOUR LEGISLATORS TO OPPOSE GOVERNOR RELL'S PROPOSED CUTS TO HOUSING PROGRAMS

As Connecticut grapples with an economic downturn and a substantial budget deficit, we must more than ever maintain our state's housing commitments. Our most vulnerable residents face even greater pressures in these very difficult times. Furthermore, housing is a critical strategy for our economic recovery. Housing investment yields a unique combination of economic stimulus, job creation and community benefit. Nevertheless, Governor Rell has proposed a state budget that threatens wide-ranging harm to affordable housing programs.

The Governor's Proposed Budget:

- ✘ eliminates PILOTs for public housing
- ✘ eliminates Tax Abatement Grants for nonprofit housing
- ✘ eliminates funding for new supportive housing
- ✘ diverts two years of funding from the Community Investment Act (including Housing Connections Technical Assistance and UR Home)
- ✘ suspends the Historic Home Tax Credit
- ✘ provides no new bonding for the Connecticut Housing Trust Fund
- ✘ provides no new bonding for the DECD Affordable Housing ("Flex") Program
- ✘ provides no new funding for the HOMEConnecticut program
- ✘ eliminates funding for the Connecticut Fair Housing Center
- ✘ terminates the Housing Sustainability Fund
- ✘ terminates the Citizens Advisory Council for Housing Matters (Housing Court)
- ✘ terminates the Mobile Manufactured Home Advisory Council

Call your State Senator and State Representative (both where you live and where you work). Ask them to reject the Governor's housing cuts and expand state investment in affordable housing.

Toll-free numbers:

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