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September 13, 2011

Honorable Joseph I. Lieberman
United States Senator
706 Hart Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Lieberman:

The Town of East Hartford would like to express its gratitude for your support of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). It has recently come to my attention that the House Transportation-HUD Subcommittee has proposed a 50% cut in the administration portion of CDBG from 20% to 10%. This cut will adversely affect our ability to manage the valuable programs that benefit our community members, especially those of low to moderate income, because it will mean the elimination of yet another staff person in our Grants Administration Office. Staffing levels have already been reduced from four to three people.

Staff in the Grants Administration Office are solely responsible for managing the myriad of requirements and regulations tied to this Federal program. Program delivery benefiting our low to moderate income residents in the areas of domestic violence counseling, foreclosure prevention, senior services and housing rehabilitation activities are made possible by our small staff. Our compliance with monitoring sub-recipients, financial management and accomplishment reporting will be severely impacted by this reduction. East Hartford already dedicates its resources to the support of staff and administration costs and cannot afford to make up any further deficiency in funding.

Your advocacy and continued support of the Community Development Block Grant is appreciated. This vital program has had a direct impact on the lives of the residents of East Hartford, especially those of low to moderate income. I urge you to consider maintaining the current administration cap at 20% so that our Grants Administration Office may continue to efficiently and effectively manage the programs that provide essential services to our community.

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Congressman John B. Larson
U.S. Representative
1501 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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