

CONNECTICUT STATE AGENCY BUDGET PRESENTATIONS & PUBLIC HEARINGS
Appropriations Committee Public Hearing on Tuesday February 11 at 5pm in Room 2c

To the 2020 Appropriations Committee:

I am writing in support of continuing funding for Music Haven in New Haven, Connecticut. This educational organization accomplishes so much with very little cash investment. It is an educational arts community for young people who live in the poorest area of New Haven. Beyond students' lessons on their individual instruments, a large percentage of the organization's classes teach students to work as teams in chamber music (small group) and orchestral (large group) settings. Students prepare in-house concerts for family and friends, and they also perform out in the community for a variety of events.

Beyond its mission of music education, one of the most important reasons Music Haven deserves funding is that it encourages young people in the poorest area of New Haven to continue their general education through high school and for some, even college. In fact, several Music Haven students have gone on to college who are the first in their families to attend. The faculty of Music Haven has supported these students and their families as they complete college applications and visits; their support role for families who are unfamiliar with the college application process has made a crucial difference for several of these students.

Please continue funding this organization that is so beneficial to the inner-city area of New Haven.

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