

Reign Bowman

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Bill number: HB-06439

Dear Appropriations Committee

Music Haven has worked very hard to keep the program free to all their students. Last year Music Haven was close to losing \$100,000 in state funding due to there being a budget cut. Music Haven worked hard to get the money back, we called, we wrote letters and we even drove up to Hartford to save our founding. After going to Hartford then waiting nearly four hours, Music Haven finally got the good news that the legislators were going to make sure we got our funding back. Despite the legislators telling Music Haven that they were going to provide the funding again, they never put our funding back into the budget. This means we're getting \$0 from now on. According to the legislator who has gotten in contact with Music Haven claims that the \$0 in funding was a mistake. I am asking as one of the Music Haven students that you can please fix your mistake and not forget about us because Music Haven means so much to me, without Music Haven I would have no way to express myself the same way as I am able to express myself with my violin. Please consider fixing the mistake and providing the Funding back to Music Haven

<https://www.newhavenarts.org/arts-paper/articles/arts-army-rallies-to-keep-music-haven-in-state-budget>

Sincerely,

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