

Testimony in response to the Governor's proposed budget: HB-06439

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Appropriations Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 2700
Hartford, CT 06106

To Co-Chair Walker and members of the Appropriations Committee,

It is cruelty to remove Music Haven's funding from the state budget. Music Haven is a creative force; a direct and fruitful way to help kids escape the fear and tedium which they have lived with now for almost a year. Adults like ourselves have brought children in such a world, we have a duty to help them endure it.

Not to mention, a funding cut is harmful and short-sighted. Why do you suppose so many people believe that government cannot or will not do anything good for them? That the Democratic Party, especially in so blue-ish a state like Connecticut, is just an entrenched siphon that keeps money flowing to its donors and leaves the people begging for drops? The community served by Music Haven will come to the same conclusion about its government should their funding be eliminated. The kids it may have helped, who would become college graduates, confident adults, concerned citizens, will see the government that claims to care about them, fail them when they are most in need. That civics lesson will stick with them.

The Appropriations Committee has a chance to undo this destruction and to support Music Haven's endeavors. Make the right choice.

Sincerely,

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