

Distinguished members of the Appropriations Committee:

Please restore the \$168K funding cut to The Diaper Bank of Connecticut that was included in the Governor's biennial budget. The cost is inconsequential to the \$46 billion two-year budget—and to Connecticut taxpayers. But the impact of the funding cut is anything but inconsequential to thousands of families that struggle to meet basic needs.

Women have been disproportionately affected by job losses, and being a mom is hard enough without the extra pressure of not having to get basic supplies for an infant. This is not a time to be chipping away at the social safety net. As a result of the pandemic, lower-income families are struggling more than ever.

One third of Connecticut residents struggle to meet basic needs, and that was before the pandemic wreaked havoc on the economic security of lower-income Americans.

You may say “how can we pay for this?” .

A better thing to ask is … “how can we NOT pay for this?”

Please take care of our neediest families by restoring the \$168K grant to The Diaper Bank of Connecticut.

Thank you

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