

May 25, 2016

Governor Dannel P. Malloy Office of the Governor 210 Capitol Avenue Hartford , CT 06106

Dear Governor Malloy:

We are writing to urge you not to use state taxpayer dollars to bail out Hartford's Dunkin Donuts Stadium.

As a result of construction of the stadium exceeding the agreed upon deadline, we understand that costs are now likely to increase for the project. We are also aware of comments from the Hartford Stadium Authority indicating that they will not go back to the city to seek the needed added capital. That needed capital should not come from the state and our already overburdened taxpayers.

We want to remind you of multiple statements from you and your administration that promised the state would not get involved in this project which taxpayers and the lawmakers who represent them at the Capitol never had a say in authorizing. That commitment will be broken if you sign the state budget passed by Democrats that allows taxpayer dollars through the admissions tax to go towards stadium construction debt service. That commitment will also be broken a second time if any additional aid is given to Hartford for this project's new costs due to missing its deadline.

We fully understand the predicament Hartford is in and truly empathize with the people of Hartford who have serious concerns about the Yard Goats' stadium project and the burden it places on the city. But the state is in no position to hand out any additional funds. Democrats just passed a budget that slashes from core social services, cuts state education funds, and hurts some of the most vulnerable populations in this state. Yet at the same time their budget gives up \$400,000 annually in taxpayer dollars to go towards the Hartford stadium. It is not right that at a time when support for the poor, sick and elderly is being cut, a project that had zero taxpayer support is profiting.

No state taxpayer dollars should go towards the delayed stadium.

Sincerely,

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