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Secretary Melissa McCaw
Office of Policy and Management
450 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Dear Secretary McCaw:

We are greatly disturbed by the allegations of improper and fraudulent use of COVID-19 relief funds in West Haven, now being investigated by the FBI. Accordingly, we ask that your office take immediate action to investigate the use of all relief funds across our state.

The allegations and possible misuse of funds are deeply troubling. These funds are intended to help residents and communities recover during one of the most challenging times of a generation. To learn that officials may have allegedly diverted funding for other purposes shatters public trust. It is wrong and it is infuriating.

To restore public confidence, we are calling on the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) to conduct audits of all municipalities to ensure all COVID-19 relief funds are being used for their intended purpose.

Connecticut must build back the people's trust and guarantee that wrongdoings will never go unnoticed and will not be tolerated in any capacity. As the overseer of these funds, OPM has an immediate responsibility to protect every person who the funds are intended to support.

We ask for swift and thorough action.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Kevin C. Kelly in black ink.

Kevin C. Kelly
Senate Republican Leader

Handwritten signature of Paul M. Formica in black ink.

Paul M. Formica
Senate Republican Leader Pro Tempore