

City of New Haven
Office of Management and Budget
Attn: Public Comment
165 Church Street
New Haven, CT 06510

My name is Whitney Brown and I live in Waterbury. I receive rental assistance through Independence Northwest's Housing Opportunities Program. I am writing in strong opposition to the City of New Haven's proposed 50% cut to Independence Northwest's rental assistance program. The stated reason for the cut is to keep more funds in New Haven. They are currently retaining 76% of HOPWA funding. If this cut is approved, an estimated 20 people in the Waterbury area won't be able to afford their current monthly rent.

This cut will harm me because:

These cuts would leave me facing
homelessness I depend on living
housing.

The City of New Haven receives the federal HOPWA funding for housing services on behalf of the **entire** county, which includes the Waterbury area. The harm this cut will cause is made worse since I have had less than 90 days to figure out how or where I am going to live. I urge you to restore \$210,000.00 in funding to Independence Northwest's Housing Opportunities Program so I'm not homeless.

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My name is maria Bigby and I live in Waterbury. I receive rental assistance through Independence Northwest's Housing Opportunities Program. I am writing in strong opposition to the City of New Haven's proposed 50% cut to Independence Northwest's rental assistance program. The stated reason for the cut is to keep more funds in New Haven. They are currently retaining 76% of HOPWA funding. If this cut is approved, an estimated 20 people in the Waterbury area won't be able to afford their current monthly rent.

This cut will harm me because: The cut will harm me I won't be able to afford the rent, with the help of this program I can stay where I am living. I love my apartment it's nice and quiet.

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