



## State of Connecticut

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY

STATE CAPITOL  
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106-1591

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Jonathan Searles  
51 Spaulding Circle  
East Hartford, CT 06118

Dear Mr. Searles,


Thank you for your suggestions regarding town government budgetary matters.

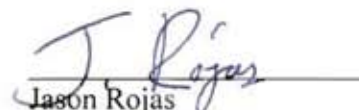
We have been working on one of these subject matters, Minimum Budget Requirement (MBR), for awhile but do not expect a solution before East Hartford finalizes its budget this year. We will continue to monitor the progress of the proposed changes and are hopeful that we will address the matter since it is a priority recommendation of the Municipal Opportunities and Regional Efficiencies (MORE) Commission which made its recommendations just last week.

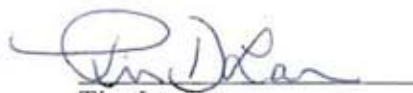
The Speaker of the House appointed all three East Hartford State Representatives to the MORE Commission to look at an array of cost cutting measures that can save the town and state a significant amount of money. (MORE Commission highlights can be found at: <http://www.housedems.ct.gov/MORE/index.asp>)

At this time there are several proposed changes before the legislature, some at the recommendation of municipal leaders, regarding binding arbitration that are being reviewed in various committees to help reduce the financial burden placed on towns by state mandates. Your suggestions are appreciated but in the short term would not impact the current budget deliberation taking place.

Sincerely,

  
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Jason Rojas  
State Representative  
9<sup>th</sup> District

  
Tim Larson  
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