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Governor Lamont,

Legislators worked hard during special session last fall to create a fund of \$500 million to address the effects of federal cuts on the most vulnerable people in Connecticut. As of now, over half of that money remains unspent. With the possibility of another federal shutdown on the horizon, and with vital, unmet needs being faced by those served by your state agencies, we ask that the remainder of that money be spent to provide robust funding for those agencies to do their critical, life-saving work.

The Greater Hartford Interfaith Action Alliance (GHIAA), comprised of 53 congregations, asks, with moral urgency **that what remains available be spent** on behalf of the unhoused who are exposed to these winter storms while facing shortages in needed shelter, immigrants who are being cut from the rolls for federal food and medical aid, and the rising population of Connecticut residents living at or near the poverty line. Ask your trusted commissioners what funds they need to save lives and **spend it** before the February 4th deadline.

Now is the time to be proactive in providing for the needs of Connecticut residents. In this time when states like ours are vulnerable to threats from a callous and hostile federal administration, our state can show a different way, a more compassionate and more just way. To do so, we must hold ourselves responsible for the care of those most at risk of harm.

You have been given the responsibility, and you have the power to spend this money. The clock is running out. Please don't miss this shot.

In truth and solidarity,

The Greater Hartford Interfaith Action Alliance Strategy Team,
on behalf of GHIAA's 53 member congregations, listed below:



GHIAA Member Institutions

1. Asylum Hill Congregational Church, Hartford
2. B'nai Tikvoh-Sholom, Bloomfield
3. Beth El Temple, West Hartford
4. Beth Sholom B'nai Israel, Manchester
5. Center Church, Hartford
6. Center for Leadership and Justice, Hartford
7. Christ the King Catholic Parish, Wethersfield
8. Church of Christ, Congregational, Newington
9. Collaborative Center for Justice, Hartford
10. Concordia Lutheran Church, Manchester
11. Congregation Beth Israel, West Hartford
12. Congregation P'nai Or, West Hartford
13. Congregational Church in South Glastonbury
14. Emanuel Lutheran Church, Hartford
15. Faith Congregational Church, Hartford
16. Faith Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Hartford
17. Farmington Valley Jewish Congregation - Emek Shalom, Simsbury
18. First Church of Christ, Glastonbury
19. First Church of Christ, Simsbury
20. First Church of Christ, West Hartford
21. First Presbyterian Church, Hartford
22. Flagg Road United Church of Christ, West Hartford
23. Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry, Hartford
24. Grace Lutheran Church, Hartford
25. Granby Congregational Church
26. Hartford Monthly Meeting (Quakers), West Hartford
27. Immanuel Congregational Church, Hartford
28. Islamic Association of Greater Hartford, Berlin
29. Jewish Community Relations Council, Greater Hartford
30. Kehilat Chaverim, Greater Hartford
31. Ministerio Nueva Creación, Manchester
32. Muslim Coalition of Connecticut
33. New Antioch Missionary Baptist, Hartford
34. New Covenant United Methodist, East Hartford
35. North End Power Team, Hartford
36. North United Methodist Church, Hartford
37. Office of the Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus, Archdiocese of Hartford
38. Riverfront Family Church, Hartford
39. Rocky Hill Congregational Church
40. Saint John's Episcopal Church, Manchester
41. Saint Mary's Catholic Parish, Simsbury
42. Saint Monica's Episcopal Church, Hartford
43. Saint Patrick-Saint Anthony Catholic Parish, Hartford
44. Temple Sinai, Newington
45. Trinity Episcopal Church, Hartford
46. Trinity Lutheran Church, Vernon
47. Unitarian Society of Hartford
48. Unitarian Universalist Society East, Manchester
49. United Methodist Church, Hartford
50. Universalist Church of West Hartford
51. Urban Hope Refuge Church, Hartford
52. West Hartford United Methodist Church
53. Westminster Presbyterian Church, West Hartford