

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT**

December 16, 2008

BY FACSIMILE AND CERTIFIED MAIL,
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED NO. 7003 0500 0000 7713 3787

The Honorable Robert Congdon
First Selectman
Town of Preston
389 Route 2
Preston, CT 06365-8830

Re: Purchase and Sale Agreement, dated November 2, 2005 By and Between the State of Connecticut (the "State") and the Town of Preston (the "Town") (the "Agreement") for Approximately 419 Acres of the Former Norwich State Hospital Property in Preston, Connecticut (the "Property")

Dear First Selectman Congdon,

We are writing in response to your letters to us dated December 5, 2008 by which you requested the State to provide the Town with an additional two (2) years before the Town needs to decide whether to purchase the subject Property from the State under the Agreement.

As you know, under the terms of the Agreement, the Town currently must provide written notice of its intent to purchase the Property by no later than January 5, 2009, if, in fact, it desires to purchase this Property. Additionally, should the Town fail to provide such notice to the State by that date, the Agreement will terminate, subject to and on the terms specified in Section 3 of that instrument.

As we emphasized last July, the Agreement does not contemplate, much less provide, that the Town may request or should be given any additional time to make its decision. We also believe the State is likely to be in a better position to market and/or develop this property at this juncture. We, therefore, will not be able to accommodate, and hereby deny, your request for an extension of the January 5th deadline. We trust you will appreciate the State's position in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

By: Raeanne Curtis
Raeanne Curtis, Commissioner,
Department of Public Works

By: Robert L. Genuario
Robert L. Genuario, Secretary,
Office of Policy and Management

cc: The Honorable M. Jodi Rell, Governor
Stanley Babiarz, State Properties Review Board