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Governor M. Jodi Rell
State Capitol
210 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Governor Rell:

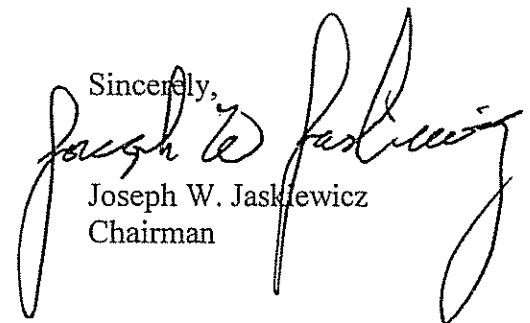
SUBJECT: Norwich Hospital

I am writing to you concerning Norwich Hospital and the State's Purchase and Sale Agreement with the Town of Preston due to expire on January 5th.

The Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (SCCOG) comprised of the chief elected officials of the twenty municipalities in southeastern Connecticut, appreciates all of the effort expended by the State of Connecticut and the Town of Preston to see the Norwich Hospital property be redeveloped. However, the SCCOG recognizes the impact that the current national and state economic crisis is now having on the future development of this property. At its meeting on November 17th, the SCCOG voted unanimously to support any request by the Town of Preston to the State to extend the deadline for execution of the Purchase and Sale Agreement. Furthermore, the SCCOG respectfully requests that State of Connecticut officials meet with Town of Preston officials to discuss their request before reaching a decision on whether or not to hold Preston to the current deadline.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter so important to southeastern Connecticut and the Town of Preston.

Sincerely,



Joseph W. Jaskiewicz
Chairman

Cc: Secretary Robert L. Genuario, OPM
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