



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

December 16, 2008

Joseph W. Jaskiewicz, Chairman
Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments
5 Connecticut Avenue
Norwich, CT 06360

Re: Norwich State Hospital

Dear Chairman Jaskiewicz:

We are writing in response to your letter of December 5, 2008, addressed to Governor M. Jodi Rell, wherein you state that your organization supports the Town of Preston's (the "Town's") request to be given an additional two years to decide whether it would purchase the Norwich State Hospital property under the terms and conditions of the Purchase and Sale Agreement dated November 2, 2005 by and between the State of Connecticut (the "State") and the Town.

The State has concluded not to agree to this request. A copy of the letter sent to First Selectman Robert Congdon informing him of this decision is attached for your reference.

We recognize that your letter proposes that the State and the Town meet to discuss the Town's request before the State reaches a decision on the matter. While we always endeavor to meet and work with our local communities, we did not believe, under the circumstances, that it would be responsible and prudent to delay a decision regarding the Town's request pending a meeting between the parties. We believe, to the contrary, that prompt notification by the State to the Town will afford it more time to consider all of its options with regard to the Norwich State Hospital property.

Sincerely,

By Raeanne V. Curtis
Raeanne V. 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