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**The Honorable Jodi Rell  
Governor  
Office of the Governor  
State Capital  
210 Capital Avenue  
Hartford, Ct 06106**

**February 9, 2010  
Re: Wilton Commons**

**Dear Governor Rell,**

**Thank you very much for giving us the opportunity to review a short history of Wilton Commons with you this past Saturday night. The Wilton Commons Board has been working diligently to build this affordable congregate living facility for nearly 11 years.**

**Governor Rell, I have volunteered at Honey Hill Care Center in Norwalk for eight years and now at Gardner Heights in Shelton for the past three years. It did not take long to realize that a good number of the residents did not belong there. Their dignity was compromised. They went directly from independent living to a nursing home. They could not afford the high cost of an assisted living facility where there is no financial help. A congregate living facility in Norwalk, the Marvin, was filled to capacity with a two year waiting period. Wilton Commons would help fill that void for some seniors in need at costs of approximately 90% less than the cost of a nursing home where nearly 75% of the people are on Medicaid.**

**Wilton Commons is shovel ready and will provide jobs for construction and employment for others to maintain the facility. Our six year option to lease the land from the Town of Wilton (at \$1 dollar a year) is up in December 2010, and if this happens, the hopes of so many on our long lists of applicants will be dashed. The key to success for Wilton**

**Commons is our pending application with DECD. If this funding is approved, the remaining funds we seek will fall into place.**

**I urge your support as it will be a win win situation for both the future residents of Wilton Commons and the taxpayers of Connecticut.**

**Sincerely,**

**George Ciaccio,  
Chairman, Wilton Commons.**

**cc: State Senator Toni Boucher**