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REP. FONTANA URGES GOV. RELL TO RELEASE FUNDS FOR NORTH HAVEN ROADS

State Representative **Steve Fontana** (D-North Haven) called on Governor Rell to release millions in state aid to Connecticut towns for funding local road repairs and paving projects.

"Towns all over Connecticut are struggling to maintain the quality of their roads and to protect public safety," said Representative Fontana. "Since I also serve as North Haven's Third Selectman, I know firsthand how important these funds are to help pay for local projects and support local budgets. State government made a commitment to towns like North Haven to provide this needed revenue on a timely basis, and withholding it serves no useful purpose. The governor should quit playing games and release these funds immediately."

Due to the current budget deficit, the governor has held back \$30 million in Town Aid Road (TAR) Grants. North Haven's TAR grant was \$181,879 last year.

Town Aid Road Grants are awarded to all of Connecticut's 169 municipalities. Towns with sizeable road networks are often awarded the most. Many towns with smaller populations, but with extensive roadways are dependent on these grants. Towns usually receive TAR funding in January and July each year.

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