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Honorable Members of the City Council
City of Danbury, Connecticut

Re: Regional Hospice and Home Care of Western Connecticut Economic Development Incentive

Dear Council Members:

We are all familiar with the extraordinary work done by the Regional Hospice not only for this community, but for many others, in caring for people at various stages of life in a kind and compassionate manner. Their management and staff has been nothing but exemplary in fulfilling this vital purpose for our neighbors, friends and family.

The Regional Hospice has a new facility under way on Milestone Road near the Reserve property on the West Side of our City. This facility has been under planning and development in recent months, but not without significant anticipated cost and expenditures for both construction and operations.

While the City of Danbury is not, unfortunately, in a position to assist Hospice directly, through grant or other direct cash funding, we can and intend to step forward and provide significant help through available provisions of the water and sewer utility use incentive programs we have in place for development such as this one that draws new facilities of vital importance to the economy and community of the City.

While relevant City departments in charge of this program will prepare the detail of the benefits provided hereunder, the water and sewer use charges' waiver programs established pursuant to City Code Sections 16-33 and 21-50 authorize the applicant, upon approval, to obtain a waiver of water and sewer use charges (cost of water and sewer typically billed quarterly) for a period of up to one (1) year following the approval of their application for such benefit. This benefit provides the potential waiver for both water and sewer, thus allowing for dual savings and a total utility benefit for the one year period(s).

While there is no requirement that you specifically authorize the approval of the application of the Regional Hospice for these benefits, (since your adoption of the ordinances did so), it is important that we recognize Hospice's efforts in our community and assist them in any manner that is available to further their wonderful purposes. Please do not hesitate to contact this office with any questions regarding this information.

Sincerely,

Mark D. Boughton
Mayor