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The Honorable Denise Merrill
Secretary of State
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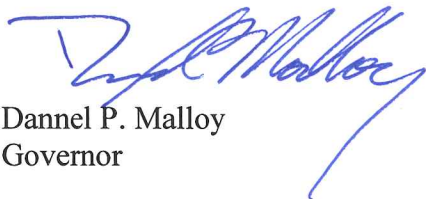
Dear Madam Secretary:

I hereby return, without my signature, substitute House Bill 5348, *An Act Concerning the Consideration of Property Values When Determining Eligibility for a Certain Property Tax Relief Program*.

This bill allows municipalities to limit eligibility for the Elderly Circuit Breaker Tax Relief Program. In municipalities that enact such an ordinance, the bill will result in an increased property tax bill for elderly and disabled individuals with low annual income, but with equity in their home. I have reservations about the policy of this bill, particularly since the state currently reimburses towns at a nearly 90% rate for the property tax loss associated with this program.

For these reasons, I disapprove of substitute House Bill 5348, *An Act Concerning the Consideration of Property Values When Determining Eligibility for a Certain Property Tax Relief Program*. Pursuant to Section 15 of Article Fourth of the Constitution of the State of Connecticut, I am returning substitute House Bill 5348 without my signature.

Sincerely,



Dannel P. Malloy
Governor