



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

December 4th, 2017

The Honorable Nancy Rossi, Mayor
City of West Haven
355 Main Street
West Haven, CT 06516

Dear Mayor Rossi:

As discussed, the recently enacted Public Act 17-2 concerning the State budget for the biennium ending June 30, 2019 contains provisions, in Sections 349 to 376 of the Act, concerning providing assistance and accountability for distressed municipalities. As you know, these provisions included the creation of tiers of municipal oversight, the establishment of the Municipal Accountability Review Board and the potential for additional resources for distressed municipalities. Section 355 of the Act specifically indicates that if any municipality issues a deficit financing obligation, such municipality shall be designated as a Tier III municipality by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management (OPM).

Based on the City's recent issuance of a deficit obligation, I am writing to notify you that I am referring the City of West Haven to the Municipal Accountability Review Board (MARB). The MARB is in the process of having its members appointed and organizing its operations. As the chairperson of the MARB and as the head of OPM, which is to provide administrative support to the MARB, my office looks forward to working with you and answering any questions you may have in this regard.

My office and the other members of the MARB look forward to assisting and working with you and the City in ensuring budgetary balance and fiscal sustainability for the City of West Haven.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ben Barnes", followed by a horizontal line.

Benjamin Barnes, Secretary

Cc: Members of the MARB