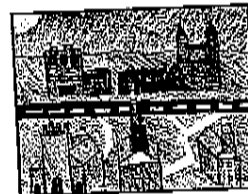


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Mayor



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February 29, 2008

The Hon. M. Jodi Rell, Governor
State of Connecticut
State Capitol, Room 200
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Governor Rell,

At 9:00 a.m. on February 27, 2009 I called your Office asking to talk with you. I was referred to a staff member who said you were unavailable. I advised your staff that I wished to meet with you to discuss two matters:

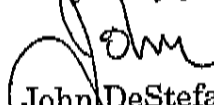
- Individuals in the community who have fallen under the jurisdiction of State of Connecticut agencies and violence in the City; and
- The aftermath of the 9th Square fire in Downtown New Haven, which site you will recall you toured with Lt. Gov. Fedele on December 12, 2007.

I did not receive any response to my call from you or your Office until receiving a faxed letter dated February 29, 2008 at 2:22 p.m. today.

I am writing today for two purposes. First to again request a meeting to discuss these matters and second to advise you that your letter of February 29, 2008 contains several material misstatements – including the backgrounds of the individuals involved in the violence of February 25.

I again request a meeting.

Very truly yours,


John DeStefano, Jr.
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