



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

GOVERNOR NED LAMONT

January 19, 2026

Joshua Wojcik
Interim Secretary
Office of Policy and Management
450 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Interim Secretary Wojcik:

I have consistently encouraged the preservation of farmland, forestland, open space, and maritime heritage land to maintain a readily available source of food and farm products, conserve the state's natural resources, and promote the welfare and happiness of Connecticut residents.

It is in the public interest to prevent the forced conversion of these lands to more intensive uses as a result of economic pressures caused by property tax assessments at values incompatible with their preservation. The General Assembly established a process to support this public interest through sections 12-107b to 12-107e, inclusive, 12-107g, and 12-504f of the Connecticut General Statutes (CGS).

In light of concerns raised regarding the application and impacts of the PA 490 Recommended Land Use Values issued for the October 1, 2025 Grand List, and to ensure that land use valuation practices are implemented in a manner consistent with statutory purpose, stability, and fairness, I am committed to preventing the forced conversion of these lands as a result of assessment practices that may undermine those objectives..

Accordingly, I am directing the Office of Policy and Management, in consultation with the Connecticut Department of Agriculture, to take the following actions as interim guidance:

- Revoke the PA 490 2025 Recommended Land Use Values and Best Practices for farm land, forest land, open space, and maritime heritage land, and reinstate the PA 490 2020 Recommended Land Use Values and Best Practices for these land categories;
- Immediately notify all municipal tax assessors of this revocation and reinstatement; and
- Convene a working group in collaboration with the Connecticut Department of Agriculture, including representation from agricultural organizations, farmers, municipal leaders, and assessors, to recommend alternative measures to improve data collection, review, and valuation processes consistent with section 12-2b(1) of the CGS.

These steps are intended to support the continued administration of the state's land use valuation program while ensuring that future updates are informed by robust data, transparent processes, and broad stakeholder engagement.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and your continued commitment to preserving Connecticut's agricultural and natural resources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ned Lamont", with a stylized, cursive script.

Ned Lamont
Governor