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**HOMEOWNERS TO RALLY AT GOVERNOR'S MANSION
Connecticut Coalition Against Crumbling Basements goes to Hartford**

WILLINGTON, Conn. – On Saturday, Sept. 17, 2016, victims of crumbling basements and their supporters will gather peacefully for a rally outside the executive residence in Hartford. CCACB President Tim Heim will travel with a bus of rally participants. Additional supporters are expected to meet the bus in Hartford. The rally is set to begin at 9 a.m.

"We have invited Gov. Malloy many times to our meetings. He has never come. We decided it was time to go to him," said Heim. The governor has maintained that Lt. Gov. Nancy Wyman speaks on his behalf. However, the coalition has yet to see any tangible results from state leaders. "People are hurting now. People need help now. Our leaders keep telling us to be patient. But it is impossible to be patient when the problem is your home," said Heim. "That is the place where you are supposed to feel safe."

Despite certain legislative actions and suggested proposals, Connecticut leadership has been slow to find solutions for this vast disaster. The actual scope of the problem remains elusive. Roughly 300 people have filed complaints with the Department of Consumer Protection. However, a recent report by the Capitol Region Council of Governments suggests as many as 19,000 homes could be affected. "People are afraid," said Heim. "They are scared to come forward and admit they have it." Both single-family homes and condominium communities are affected.

The cost to fix each home exceeds \$100,000. Estimates of current repairs have reached nearly \$250,000 per house. A [white paper](#) prepared by a victim further discusses the cost of this damage. "We are talking billions of dollars, not millions," said Heim. "We are the middle class. We did everything right. We paid our bills, our insurance policies, and our taxes. All of that for nothing. Is homeownership even worth it?"

The rally has one specific purpose: Gov. Malloy does not work in Washington. He is not employed by the White House. Dannel Malloy campaigned for governor of the State of Connecticut. "Your constituents will be outside your door on Saturday, Governor. Come out and talk with us," said Heim.

The Connecticut Coalition Against Crumbling Basements (CCACB) is a grassroots alliance of homeowners affected by pyrrhotite. To learn more, please visit www.ccacb.org.

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