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Hospitals Write Open Letter to Legislators: Oppose Cuts

WALLINGFORD – Connecticut hospitals have come together to ask for legislative support to oppose the Governor’s proposed FY 2014-2015 budget. The budget would cut hospital funding by \$550 million, devastating hospitals and hurting patients, employees, the economy, and every community in the state.

In an open letter to legislators signed by 25 hospital CEOs, hospitals say:

“This budget increases state spending by more than nine percent, but makes devastating cuts to hospitals. Why? If the proposed budget is accepted, hospitals will need to cut critical programs and services on which Connecticut communities rely. People who work at hospitals will lose their jobs, and so will people in the community who rely on hospitals for their incomes. Connecticut needs more jobs, not the gutting of a sector that employs more than 54,000 people and generates 110,000 jobs across the state.”

Click [here](#) to read the letter, which was delivered to every Connecticut legislator.

People across the state have mobilized in support of Connecticut hospitals. Since the Governor proposed his budget on February 6, 2013, more than 70,000 e-mail messages, letters, calls, and hand-written notes have been sent to legislators throughout the state. They have come from a wide variety of Connecticut residents including hospital employees, business leaders, and community members.

Click [here](#) to see how the cuts would affect local hospitals.

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The Connecticut Hospital Association has been dedicated to serving Connecticut’s hospitals since 1919. Through state and federal advocacy, CHA represents the interests of Connecticut’s hospitals on key healthcare issues in the areas of quality and patient safety, access and coverage, workforce, community health, diversity, and hospital reimbursement.