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CHA Calls for Sustainable Healthcare Environment

WALLINGFORD — Jennifer Jackson, CEO of the Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA), made the following statement about Governor Malloy's proposed budget:

Today, we are urging elected officials to stop and reexamine the healthcare environment in our state, rather than impose new burdens on hospitals. We ask that they consider what is needed to ensure that hospitals can continue to provide patient care for generations to come, and remain the economic cornerstones of their communities.

Hospitals provide essential lifesaving care, and they are struggling. We see this play out daily in the media and, more importantly, in peoples' lives; jobs are being lost and services are being reduced, negatively affecting patient care and access.

As this is happening, we face significant proposed legislative unfunded mandates, proposed changes to the regulatory environment that would impede implementation of healthcare reform, and a proposed budget that would exacerbate hospital financial distress.

Today's proposed budget, which would broaden the hospital tax and impose additional cuts, would endanger hospitals in our state. We instead need to work together to develop strong public policy to achieve a sustainable healthcare environment in Connecticut.

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About CHA

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, health equity, and hospital reimbursement.