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CHA Statement: Governor Stops Payments to Hospitals

WALLINGFORD — Jennifer Jackson, CEO, Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA), made the following statement in response to Governor Malloy's actions stopping payments to hospitals.

We are outraged by the Governor's refusal to pay hospitals for care provided to patients. His actions are breaking the healthcare system and increasing costs for patients. Because of the Governor's actions, over 3,000 jobs have been lost since 2013. And the Governor's actions are further damaging our already fragile economy.

We need the legislature to step in and ensure hospitals are reimbursed for the care they are providing 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Let's be clear, this is effectively a tax increase of \$140 million. When the hospital tax was established in 2012, the promise was that the state would return the money it taxed hospitals, and hospitals would be made whole. Four short years later, hospitals are paying \$556 million per year and getting virtually nothing back.

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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.