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**CHA's Statement on Governor Malloy's New Proposed Budget
*Governor Would Increase Hospital Tax by \$150 Million***

WALLINGFORD — Jennifer Jackson, CEO, Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA), made the following statement in response to Governor Malloy's new proposed budget.

Once again, Governor Malloy is proposing that the hospitals of Connecticut, which serve millions of residents every year, bear a disproportionately large share of the budget reductions.

Let's be clear: this is a tax increase of \$150 million on hospitals – and it would be the Governor's third increase to the hospital tax in a year. This added \$150 million tax, on top of the nearly \$400 million tax already being levied against our hospitals, will do irreparable harm to our state. It's inarguable that these cuts will result in the end of critical healthcare services and the loss of more jobs, and will harm hospitals' ability to protect and serve the people of Connecticut.

As we have done several times before – we again call on the state legislature to reject the Governor's proposed cuts to hospitals and the damage it would cause patients and communities.

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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.