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CHA's Statement on Governor Malloy's Proposed Budget

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

We strongly oppose this new tax on hospitals.

Taxing local hospitals is a direct attack on the fabric of our communities. We've been down this road before, with a budget gimmick that already resulted in more than \$2 billion taxed and cut from hospitals. The hospital tax has increased costs for patients, caused the loss of thousands of healthcare jobs, extended wait times, and reduced access to care for those who need it most.

Our local hospitals are the cornerstones of our communities, providing tens of thousands of jobs and serving as a literal lifeline to the people we serve.

We will vigorously fight any new attempt to tax 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, health equity, and hospital reimbursement.