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More Than 10,000 Residents Demand an End to Governor Malloy's Hospital Cuts

*Thousands Sign Petition; Momentum Grows to Stop Governor Malloy's \$240 Million in
Cuts to Connecticut Hospitals*

Wallingford – The Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) announced today that since launching its petition four weeks ago, it has received more than 10,000 signatures. The petition, which reads, “The cuts Governor Malloy has proposed will have deep and harmful impacts on the hospitals and put some of our state's most vulnerable populations at risk,” asks Governor Malloy to reverse his recent cuts to Connecticut hospitals. The petition can be found on www.StopTheCutsNow.com. It has received signatures from residents of Hartford, Bridgeport, Waterbury, Putnam, Torrington to New London, and all points in between.

“The outpouring of public support on our petition shows that Connecticut residents recognize and support Connecticut hospitals and oppose Governor Malloy’s devastating hospital cuts,” said Jennifer Jackson, CEO, CHA. “The Governor’s actions – slashing critically needed funding – have already cost people jobs and forced hospitals to cut back services. The success this petition has seen shows that Connecticut residents are standing with the hospitals.”

Since his inauguration in 2011, Governor Malloy has been responsible for \$1.3 billion in cuts and taxes to Connecticut hospitals. In September, he announced an additional \$240 million in cuts. Already these cuts have resulted in the loss of jobs, and it is projected that Connecticut will see longer hospital wait times, less access to care, overcrowded emergency departments, fewer cancer screenings, and higher healthcare costs as a result.

Recently CHA launched print and television ad campaigns and a new website in an effort to reverse the cuts. The most recent ad, which features a mother from Shelton describing her sick child’s hospital care and urging Governor Malloy to rescind the cuts, has already seen over 16,000 views online and an outpouring of support.

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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.