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STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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Joseph DeLong
CT Conference of Municipalities
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Dear Mr. DeLong,

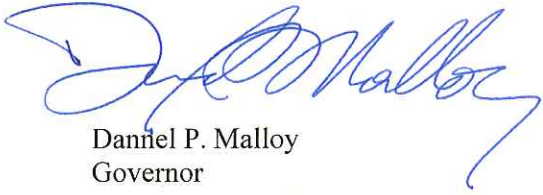
It is no secret that slower than expected economic growth over recent years has put strains on both state and municipal budgets. This year, state government must once again work to address an estimated shortfall in the coming biennium. While elected officials across state and local government can disagree on the best ways to close that gap, each of us believes that positive change is necessary, and that the best solutions are ones that increase the long-term health and stability of both state and local budgets.

In the weeks and months ahead, the executive and legislative branches will work towards an eventual state budget. We have heard and understand the anxiety expressed by local leaders over the timing of municipal aid assumptions and budget adoptions, especially when there is a long session and so many changes have been and will continue to be put on the table for consideration.

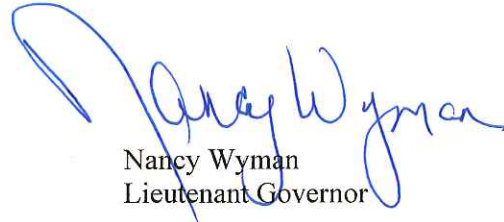
To that end, we would like to work with CCM and its members on potential changes to existing statutes to give municipalities more time to adopt budgets, as well as expedited adoption of grand lists. While important details of these concepts would need to be worked out cooperatively, we believe that providing municipalities a chance to have more concrete information on state-provided aid before making local decisions is a reasonable and appropriate measure to explore together.

We sincerely hope to discuss these matters further and we look forward to working with you and your organization so that state government is best able to meet the needs of local government. Working together at the state and local level and across party lines, we can collectively strive to bring greater certainty, stability, and flexibility to municipalities across Connecticut.

Sincerely,




Daniel P. Malloy
Governor



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Lieutenant Governor



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Senate President Pro Tempore



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Speaker of the House



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Senate Majority Leader



Matthew Ritter
House Majority Leader