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CHA Statement on the State Budget and Result of the Special Session

WALLINGFORD – Jennifer Jackson, CEO, Connecticut Hospital Association, made the following statement on the state budget and result of the special session:

Legislators on both sides of the aisle stood up for hospitals during the special session. Recognizing that the sweeping cuts and taxes contained in the budget would harm hospitals, patient care, our communities, and our economy, lawmakers took steps to help improve the outlook for hospitals from what was passed originally. We are grateful for the positive steps taken by members of the General Assembly and, despite the fact that a hospital tax hike remains in the final budget, view these actions as a foundational building block from which we can work together to create a sustainable healthcare policy in Connecticut. We will continue to advocate for the elimination of the hospital tax, and look forward to continued conversations in Hartford to achieve our shared goal of a strong healthcare system that supports patient care and access for all.

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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.