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Governor's Proposed Budget Includes Cuts to Core Healthcare Services

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

"Governor Malloy's proposed budget cuts over \$90 million from core healthcare services – hospitals and programs like Community Care Teams – and we urge legislators to oppose these reductions.

"Connecticut hospitals are taxed \$556 million each year, and the state returns only \$165 million to hospitals. That is a cost of \$391 million each year, and it is simply unsustainable. Connecticut's hospitals are offering a solid solution to help remedy the problem today and into the future.

*"The Connecticut Center for Economic Analysis at the University of Connecticut released an economic analysis showing that by returning to hospitals the taxes they pay to the state, the state can generate 6,600 jobs, and bring in close to \$35 million every year – **starting in the first year**. This solution would enable the state to grow jobs and revenue quickly, and maintain it – as well as strengthen our healthcare system – for years to come.*

"Hospitals not only provide healthcare services to all, they play a critical role in our economy. Investing in them is a win for our state's economy, patients, communities, and healthcare system."

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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.