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President Pro Tempore  
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Representative Joe Aresimowicz  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
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Dear President Looney & Speaker Aresimowicz:

I am writing to ask for your support in allowing Senate Republicans to call our state budget proposal for a vote in the legislature on Thursday June 29.

Under the rules of special session, a budget bill or bill implementing the budget must be emergency certified which requires the signature of the Speaker of the House and the Senate President Pro Tempore. Under our new senate rules, this must be filed for at least 12 hours before it is marked ready and acted upon in the senate. Therefore, I am asking for your approval as soon as possible so that a vote can be held on this budget on Thursday, the day all parties agreed to reserve for action on the state budget. Attached please find the LCO for the Senate Republican budget proposal.

The state of Connecticut is at a very serious fiscal crossroads. Governor Malloy has given the legislature three options to act upon, one of which must occur before June 30, 2017:

- 1) Pass a full budget;
- 2) Pass continuing resolutions; or
- 3) Pass the governor's "mini-budget"

In the event the legislature refuses to do the above, Governor Malloy will enact an executive order, which will devastate municipalities, local education funding, non-profits, and social services, just to name a few. We cannot allow this last resort to happen.

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I want to be clear: legislative Democrats do not have a budget that can be voted on, but Senate Republicans do. It is my understanding that you will not vote on continuing resolutions or the “mini-budget” offered by the governor. Therefore, as a result, your inaction would leave our state subject to the governor’s draconian executive order, which will irreparably harm the citizens of Connecticut. Further, a lack of action by the legislature will send a message to credit rating agencies that we are paralyzed without a solution in sight – which will only further harm our state’s bond ratings. The both of you have a greater responsibility to the citizens you represent.

I would strongly suggest you sign the emergency certification and allow our budget to be called for a vote. If passed, the Senate Republican budget would bring predictability and stability to municipalities, protect social services for the most vulnerable and keep core functions of government in operation. Even if you believe our budget isn’t perfect, it can always be amended at a later date. What is most important now is to pass a complete budget that protects core services and creates stability for our state before the start of the next fiscal year.

I await your response.



Len Fasano

Senate Republican President Pro Tempore