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Dear Legislative Leaders:

I write to once again congratulate you on earning the support of your colleagues in your elections as legislative leaders. I have enjoyed working with all of you in the past and I look forward to doing so in the future.

As leaders or our respective caucuses, I know we can and will work together to craft solutions which will benefit the taxpayers of our great state.

As of January 7, 2015 we will be the new legislative leaders at the State Capitol, and it is my hope that we will meet as soon as possible to begin to collaborate on ways to help the state emerge from its fiscal crisis.

I know you share my concerns about our state's fiscal condition. The State of Connecticut currently faces a budget deficit, we must confront multi-billion budget deficits in the future, and we have significant long-term obligations.

As you know, the State Treasurer recently highlighted how the state's cash position has declined and how money has been transferred from bond proceeds to help cover operating expenses. The Treasurer's action makes it even more urgent for us to come together to address the state's financial pressures.

In addition, I know you share my feeling that Gov. Malloy should be commended for showing responsible and prudent leadership by using his recessionary authority to make immediate budget cuts.

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As legislators, we should also be doing more. By working together now, we can find savings throughout the budget, line by line. Saving a dollar now can end up saving taxpayers large amounts of money over the long-term. It's common sense, and we can do this in a bipartisan fashion.

Tremendous challenges lie ahead of us. We have a responsibility to set the tone for 2015 and beyond. Let's get in a room together and get to work now. Facing our problems as soon as possible, in a productive and constructive way, is the right thing to do.

I will be contacting each of your offices to work out a regular schedule for us to meet.

Once again, I look forward to working with each of you to meet our challenges head on and to improve the quality of life in our state.

Sincerely,



Len Fasano  
Senate Minority Leader-Elect  
State Senator, 34<sup>th</sup> District