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SENATE REPUBLICAN OFFICES

August 28, 2015

Governor Dannel P. Malloy
Office of the Governor
210 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Dear Governor Malloy:

On August 21, 2015 Senator Tony Hwang wrote to you calling for an immediate repeal of the Unitary Tax to help create a business environment in Connecticut where more employers can grow and thrive. Today we are urgently requesting that you call a special session of the Connecticut General Assembly to move this repeal forward.

While you may not have the constitutional authority to order a direct repeal of the unitary tax, you can call a special session so that the legislature can take action on this critically important matter.

In doing so, you would be sending a resounding message – to legislators, the business community and the public alike – that we must take measurable steps to ensure GE and all Connecticut-based businesses remain valued partners and that state government is committed to creating an economic environment that fosters growth and prosperity.

Repealing the unitary tax is but one meaningful and symbolic step our state can take to send the business community a positive message. Indeed, Joseph Brennan, President of the Connecticut Business & Industry Association (CBIA), noted in a *CT Mirror article* that the lack of such a reporting requirement was one of the few tax advantages to operating in our state.

We can assure you the measure will have the full support of the Senate Republican Caucus.

Gov. Malloy, we cannot afford to sit back and wait. Any delay will only place further doubts within our business community that the unitary tax will ever be repealed. The time to act is now.

In fact, doing so would be keeping in line with what you told the *Hartford Courant* on June 12, when you were quoted as saying, "...I believe in doing everything possible to expand our economy."

We hope you will demonstrate that by calling an immediate special session.

We thank you for your time and attention to this matter, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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Len Fasano
Senate Minority Leader

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Tony Hwang
Assistant Minority Leader

cc: Senator Martin Looney, President Pro Tempore
Representative Brendan Sharkey, Speaker of the House of Representatives