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Governor Dannel P. Malloy
Office of the Governor
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Dear Governor Malloy:

Thank you for your obviously politically charged and partisan letter today.

Yesterday we sent a letter and asked the Democrat leaders to join us in setting an aggressive timeframe for the Appropriations and Finance Revenue and Bonding Committees to meet with the goal of adopting a state budget by May 5th. That would also give us time to take into account consensus revenue estimates. In doing so the legislature would send a powerful message to Connecticut's taxpayers and businesses that the old failed way of budgeting is over. At the same time we would provide cities and towns the predictability in state funding that they are craving. Unfortunately, we have yet to receive a response to an obviously logical request.

As you know a May 5th deadline is not an impossible goal to achieve. Back in 2011, the Democrat controlled legislature adopted the state budget, which included the largest tax increase in state history, on May 3rd and was signed into law by you on May 4th.

Therefore, as evidenced by your letter today and actions in 2011, it is an admission that a budget can be done by May 5th. Therefore, we urge you to write a letter to your Democrat colleagues in the House and Senate and ask them to agree to a May 5th deadline and to join us and sit down and begin budget discussions. While I assure you that Senate Republicans are fully engaged in the budget process, I would like to remind you that since 2011, Republicans have proposed 12 alternative balanced budgets, revised budgets and deficit mitigation packages.

We remain committed to working together to craft a bi-partisan budget that provides predictability, stability and restores confidence in our great state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Len Fasano", written over a white background.

Len Fasano
Senate Republican President Pro Tempore