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NORTHEAST CONNECTICUT DELEGATION BLASTS MALLOY ADMINISTRATION FOR THREATENED HOSPITAL CUTS

Northeast Connecticut legislative delegation members state **Senator Mae Flexer (D-Killingly)** and state **Representatives Christine (Rosati) Randall (D-Killingly)** and **Daniel Rovero (D-Killingly)** today blasted the Malloy administration for its decision – once again – to take away promised state funding from Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam and other state hospitals, despite repeated Democratic actions to secure that funding to assure the delivery of quality health care and to retain middle-class jobs.

The latest such incident occurred on Wednesday, when Office of Policy and Management Director Benjamin Barnes – Gov. Dannel Malloy’s budget secretary – sent a letter to hospital chief financial officers across Connecticut informing them that, due to fiscal constraints, the state would not be making any additional, supplemental, scheduled payments to hospitals this fiscal year, which ends June 31.

“I am outraged at the governor’s decision to hold back funding to Day Kimball. Day Kimball is our GE; they are one of the largest employers in our region. We need to do everything we can to protect our hospital, not just for our health care, but for our local economy,” **Rep (Rosati) Randall** said. “I am proud to stand with Senator Flexer and Representative Rovero in calling on him to release this money.”

According to news reports, the hospitals are now scheduled to receive just \$22 million of the \$256 million that Democrats last spring directed the Malloy administration to deliver to state hospitals.

“Apparently the voices of the duly-elected representatives of the people are not enough for the Malloy administration to abide by the budgets that were negotiated and agreed to in good faith, so I am calling on the residents of the 29th State Senate District to contact the governor’s office directly and demand that his administration release the funds that our delegation fought repeatedly to provide and protect,” **Sen. Flexer** said. “State government has three, coequal branches of government, all with separate but intertwined responsibilities to its citizens. The legislature has repeatedly engaged the executive branch on this issue and has made its position crystal clear, as have my constituents. So it

is very distressing to have to re-argue this case every several weeks. Perhaps a few thousand phone calls will convincingly get our message across.”

Sen. Flexer encouraged residents to call the governor’s office at 800-406-1527, or email him at governor.malloy@ct.gov

“I am extremely upset that the governor has once again taken away the funding for hospitals,” **Rep. Rovero** said. “We had the votes to defeat the budget in special session, and I was promised this money would be put back into hospitals. To have it taken it now is an outrage.”

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