



State of Connecticut  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
STATE CAPITOL  
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106-1591

September 16, 2019

Commissioner Scott Jackson  
Department of Revenue Services  
450 Columbus Blvd  
Hartford, CT 06103

Commissioner Jackson,

We write to urge you to do an immediate review of the policy guidance that the Department of Revenue recently released concerning the new 1% meals tax.

The unilateral decision by the agency to expand the sales tax to additional food items is not consistent with the intent of the budget.

We do not need the revenue that is expected to be generated by this proposal in this biennium. Our budget, as you know, assumed the definition of "meals" as enforced at the time by your agency. That proposal had a public hearing and had been publicly debated for several years. It was not something we chose to do lightly – it enabled us to avoid other less desirable options. According to a preliminary analysis by the non-partisan Office of Fiscal Analysis, the agency's new policy will generate significant revenue beyond what was projected to be collected as part of the budget.

We appreciate that this new guidance is an attempt to resolve some of the inequities in the current definition of "meals." However, we believe public involvement and a complete understanding of the real-world impact of the new policy is necessary.

Our Chair of the Finance Committee is available to assist you in better understanding the legislative intent of these provisions.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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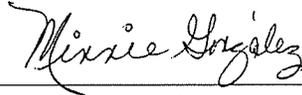
Joe Aresimowicz  
Speaker of the House

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Matthew Ritter  
House Majority Leader



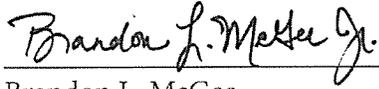
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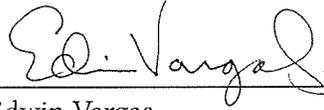
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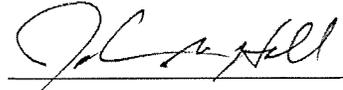
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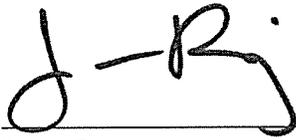
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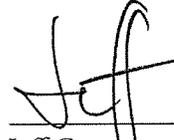
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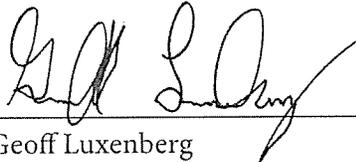
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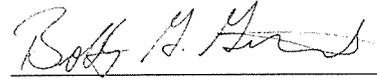
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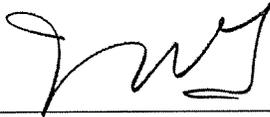
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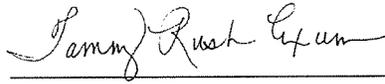
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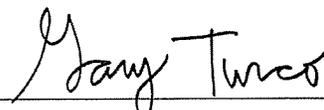
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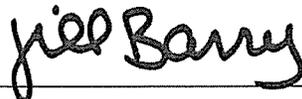
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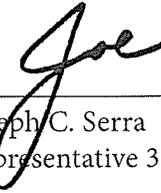
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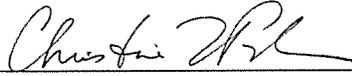
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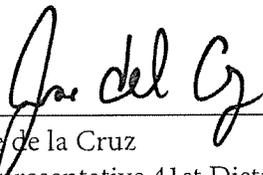
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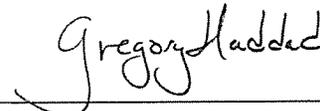
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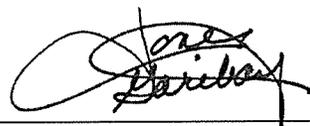
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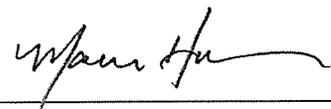
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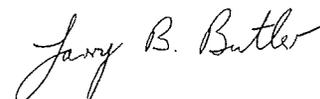
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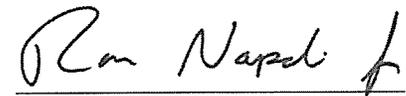
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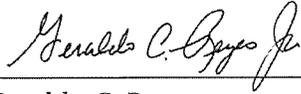
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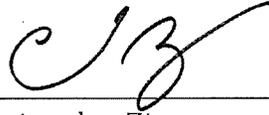
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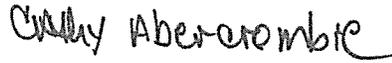
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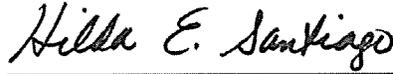
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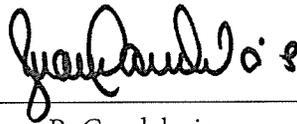
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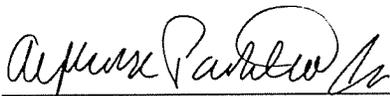
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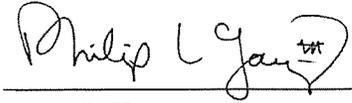
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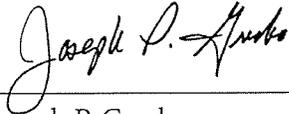
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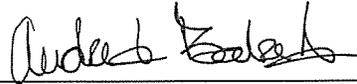
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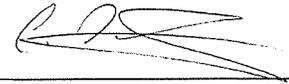
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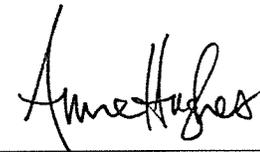
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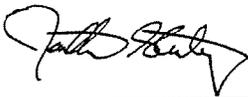
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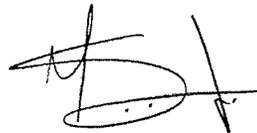
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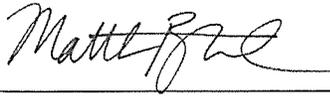
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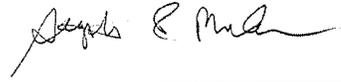
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