

January 22, 2015

The Honorable Martin M. Looney, President Pro Tempore, State Senate The Honorable J. Brendan Sharkey, Speaker of the House Legislative Office Building Hartford, CT 06106

Dear President Looney and Speaker Sharkey:

As you know, the Office of Policy and Management has projected an increased General Fund deficit for fiscal year 2015, despite November's allotment reductions, hiring limitations, contract reductions, and other management actions to address the shortfall. The latest projections are a result of revised revenues from the January consensus forecast as well as increasing Medicaid expenditure trends. Your willingness to be a partner in achieving a positive outcome for this fiscal year is greatly appreciated, and I know we share the desire for the state end the fiscal year with its budget in balance.

Accordingly, I propose to reduce allotment requisitions for the Legislative branch by an additional \$865,000, effective February 1, 2015. In accordance with the CGS 4-85, please provide the distribution of this rescission by Legislative branch agency and account (SID) to Secretary Barnes of the Office of Policy and Management not later than January 30, 2015.

Sincerely,

Dannel P. Malloy

Governor

cc:

The Honorable Bob Duff, Senate Majority Leader

The Honorable Joseph Aresimowicz, House of Representatives Majority Leader

The Honorable Leonard Fasano, Senate Minority Leader

The Honorable Themis Klarides, House of Representatives Minority Leader

The Honorable Beth Bye, Co-Chair Appropriations Committee

The Honorable Toni Walker, Co-Chair Appropriations Committee

James Tracy, Executive Director, Office of Legislative Management

Ben Barnes, Office of Policy and Management

Robert Wysock, Acting Director, Office of Fiscal Analysis