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Governor Dannel P. Malloy
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Representative Brendan Sharkey
Speaker of the House of Representatives
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Representative Joe Aresimowicz
House Majority Leader
Legislative Office Building, Room 4100
Hartford, CT 06106-1591

Dear Governor Malloy, Speaker Sharkey and Majority Leader Aresimowicz:

As you all know, the state spending cap commission, established during the December 2015 special session, is a vital step in adopting an enforceable state spending cap. When the legislation designating this commission passed, you were all emphatic in your assurances that the spending cap would be a priority for our state. But today, days after the deadline to make appointments, you still have not identified who you will be appointing to the commission. This is extremely concerning.

Your delay makes us seriously question the urgency to make the required commitment to change the state's budgeting process. It also reinforces our belief that pushing the spending cap decision until after the November election was a way to delay this important decision.

Speaker Sharkey in particular has recently been very vocal in calling for "long-term structural changes that will bring more predictability and sustainability to the budget." One of the absolute first steps to doing so must be capping state spending. Therefore, it's rather surprising and unsettling to see the lack of action on your part.

We hope that your appointments will be made swiftly and thoughtfully. Proper implementation of the spending cap has already been delayed over two decades. Please demonstrate to the state that you share the same urgency as we do by making your appointments by the end of the week.

Sincerely,

Len Fasano
Senate Minority Leader

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House Republican Leader