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Mr. Neil Ayers, Director Office of Fiscal Analysis Legislative Office Building, Room 5200 Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Dear Director Ayers:

As you know, I requested a financial analysis of the state budget including an assessment of deficit projections as far back as July, 2016. I am aware that the Office of Fiscal Analysis has been working on this analysis and is near completion. I urge you to release this information immediately once completed.

Given today's report by the CT Mirror, suggesting that Governor Dannel P. Malloy failed to publicly disclose a known shortfall in the state budget, now more than ever our state needs an unbiased, nonpartisan voice to shed light on the status of Connecticut's finances in detail.

It's vital that lawmakers and the public receive accurate and truthful budget forecasts, something I believe we can only get from your office given what we've seen from the governor's administration hiding known problems in the numbers shared with the comptroller. If your analysis also reflects a deficit, some people in state government have a lot of explaining to do.

Thank you for your attention to this extremely concerning matter.

Sincerely,

Len Fasano

Senate Minority Leader