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**CCM assessment:
Governor's budget revisions maintain promised education funding
and increase PILOT payments for colleges and hospitals**

The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) said that the revisions to the State Budget proposed today (Thursday, February 6) by Governor Malloy maintain promised education (ECS) funding and increase state aid (PILOT) for local revenues lost from tax exempt colleges and hospitals, among several other beneficial proposals. The Governor's budget revisions would decrease funding to some towns and cities through shifting state aid and CCM will work with the Governor and State Legislators on the details of this proposal to ensure all 169 towns and cities are held harmless.

Given the current state budget surplus, CCM urges the General Assembly to further reinvest in our towns and cities – by increasing state aid for payments in lieu of taxes (PILOT) for state property to provide critical new state aid to struggling core communities and restoring the groundbreaking revenue sharing program. This is much-needed revenue that provides necessary flexibility in funding critical municipal services.

While today's budget revisions proposes some mandates relief by phasing out the premium tax on health insurance, and allowing towns to postpone property revaluation for two years – CCM and local leaders continue to urge lawmakers for additional, necessary relief from costly unfunded state mandates – most notably by allowing towns to legally post notices online, establishing a new tier for municipal retirees, raising the threshold that triggers the prevailing wage rate, repealing the requirement that towns store the possessions of evicted tenants, and permitting towns to determine local ambulance service contracts.