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## STATE BUDGET UPDATE

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

This year's legislative session ended with a bipartisan state budget compromise. My colleagues on both sides of the aisle came together on behalf of the people of Connecticut to find common ground and move the state forward. This year, I am glad to report that we passed a bipartisan budget that was balanced and on time.

I am also glad to report that we were able to secure \$5 million to reimburse Bridgeport for the revenue lost due to the car tax cap and increased state education funding over 2018 levels.

I hope you find these highlights of the state budget informative and please don't ever hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,



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## Components of the bipartisan budget agreement include:

- No income, sales or other state tax increases.
- Increased state education aid for Bridgeport over 2018 levels.
- Fully funds the Medicare Savings Program so no one will see a reduction in benefits.
- Fully funds Renter's Rebate and shifts responsibility for funding the program back to the state.
- Restores \$12 million to the Husky A healthcare program.
- Prevents bus and rail service cuts and fare increases.
- Provides funding for the cities and non-profits that are working with displaced students from Hurricane Maria.
- Brought the "Rainy Day" Fund reserves to over \$1 Billion over the biennium (its highest level in over a decade).

