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REP. CONROY PRAISES RESTORED FUNDING FOR GRIFFIN HOSPITAL

Democrats vote to restore \$3.5m to Griffin – GOP votes “NO”

State Representative **Theresa Conroy** (D-Seymour, Beacon Falls, Derby) is pleased to announce Democrats in the General Assembly have restored significant funding to the state’s hospitals, including 3.5 million in funding for Griffin Hospital in Derby.

The legislature met in special session to approve a package of spending cuts and reforms to close a deficit in the current year’s state budget. Included in the package is the restoration of approximately \$50 million in hospital funds.

“On September 23, I pledged to fight Governor Malloy’s cuts to Griffin Hospital; in October we secured funding for small hospitals; and today the legislature approved a budget reform package that restores \$3.5 million of the Governor’s cuts to Griffin,” Rep. Conroy said.

In June of this year, Legislative Democrats approved a state budget that included \$4.8 million for Griffin Hospital. In September, Governor Dannel Malloy unveiled a package of budget rescissions that included up to \$84 million in cuts to hospitals and reduced Griffin’s state funding to \$1.2 million. Rep. Conroy worked to ease the impact to Griffin Hospital and by early October, Governor Malloy agreed to restore \$14.1 million to the state’s small hospitals. Last night, the Legislative Democrats approved a bill that restored funding for Griffin to \$4.72 million.

“We appreciate Rep. Conroy’s continued advocacy on behalf of Griffin Hospital,” said **Patrick Charmel**, Griffin Hospital President and CEO. “The reduction in the Governor’s rescission cuts contained in the legislation passed today will help to preserve Griffin’s ability to fulfill its care giving mission.”

“This week in 1909, Griffin Hospital opened a 24-bed hospital on Seymour Avenue in Derby,” Conroy said. “The first patient was admitted on Dec. 9th where the price was 31 cents a day. The Connecticut General Assembly has always had a part in the history of Griffin, from granting the charter in June 1901 to today – ensuring that we maintain funding to keep this great institution in the Valley to serve our residents.”

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