

Senate Passes Budget with **NO STATE TAX INCREASES** for Cheshire

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**“By passing the no tax
hike budget, lawmakers
will begin the process
of getting Connecticut’s
fiscal house in order”**

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& Industry Association
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This year, I fought to protect critical services and programs in a budget carefully negotiated to address the deficit without raising state taxes.

The new budget makes long-term spending cuts, consolidates government, institutes fiscal reforms and reduces state employee benefits.



**Nonpartisan analysts: CT budget
wipes away lots of red ink**

Sends a Strong Message to Businesses

- Does NOT raise income tax rates
- Does NOT raise sales tax rates
- Does NOT raise business or corporate tax rates

Spending Cuts & Structural Changes

- Over the past year, **\$1.5 billion has been cut** from the state's budget
- The new budget significantly **reduces the government's payroll**, as well as caps pensions and increases healthcare premiums for nonunion state workers
- Continues to **fund pension liabilities**

Increases State Funding for Cheshire

- **State aid to Cheshire increases by \$132,000** for a total of \$15.6 million in FY 2017, including funding for education, road repair and town services
- **Provides nearly \$50 million more in municipal funding statewide** while still addressing the budget deficit

Invests in Hospitals and Higher Education

- **Adds funding protections for hospitals** in future budgets and maintains a strong level of state investment
- **Continues to significantly support our colleges and universities**, to promote a competitive, highly educated workforce