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Governor Dannel P. Malloy signed the following legislation of the 2017 June Special Session, IN THE ORIGINAL, on November 21:

SB 1503      AN ACT MAKING MINOR AND TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE STATE BUDGET AND RELATED IMPLEMENTING PROVISIONS FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2019.  
This bill shall take effect from passage.  
*\*\*While Governor Malloy signed this bill, he wrote a letter to the members of the General Assembly regarding its content. Scroll down to view that letter.*

As of this date, the Governor has signed two hundred sixty two (262) bills and vetoed four (4) bills of the 2017 Legislative Session. Additionally, the Governor has signed two (2) bills, vetoed one (1) bill, and line-item vetoed one (1) bill of the 2017 June Special Session.



**Dannel P. Malloy**

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Dear Honorable Members of the Connecticut General Assembly:

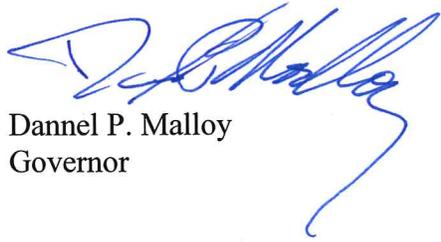
Today I am signing Senate Bill 1503, *An Act Making Minor and Technical Changes to the State Budget and Related Implementing Provisions for the Biennium Ending June 30, 2019*. This bill was necessary to correct the bi-partisan budget package crafted and adopted by the General Assembly in order to ensure that the Hospital Provider Tax conformed to clear requirements of federal law. Further, to ensure that the Renters' Rebate Program could provide needed assistance to our elderly residents by restoring its operation and funding to the Office of Policy and Management.

Unfortunately, I am – once again – requesting that the General Assembly take action to correct a significant flaw when they next convene. Funding for the Children's Health Initiative was removed from the General Fund (Line T314 for \$2,935,769 Children's Health Initiatives) and the bill places the responsibility for funding the program within the Insurance Fund (Line T697). This is not an appropriate program to be funded by an assessment on the insurance industry. The Children's Health Initiative is not related to the business of regulation of the insurance industry, nor will this result in a cost savings to consumers. Additionally, requiring this program to be funded out of the Insurance Fund is, in essence, a new tax on the insurance industry in this state which employs thousands Connecticut residents. This new tax will result in an increase in premiums to consumers.

The Insurance Fund is supported through assessments of the insurance industry authorized for specific programs and purposes. The state can only assess for those activities specifically provided for by statute. The General Assembly, in transferring the operation of this program to the Insurance Fund, failed to adopt language that authorizes the insurance commissioner to assess to cover the costs of the Children's Health Initiative. Without the authority to assess to cover this cost, the legislature has created a current fiscal year deficit of \$2,935,769 in the fund.

The General Assembly should for the reasons set forth, transfer this program back to the General Fund with the appropriate level of funding to eliminate a deficiency as soon as possible when it reconvenes.

Sincerely,



Dannel P. Malloy  
Governor