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A copy of that letter, along with today's SEBAC membership statement, is [attached to this email](#) and has been posted on www.inthistogetherct.org.

This information has been shared with the press today.

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and the working families who are dedicated to providing those services;

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In Solidarity,
Sal Luciano, Executive Director
Council 4 AFSCME

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The State Employees Bargaining Agent Coalition

Seeking a Path Forward to a Mutual Agreement with Governor Malloy that Saves Jobs and Protects Services

July 5, 2011

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The unity and strength of Connecticut's working families, working together through their unions, built our state's middle class. It is that unity and strength that will ultimately set us on the path to rebuilding it.

Learn more about the coalition's efforts to determine a path forward that protects public services and the working families that deliver them online at www.InThisTogetherCT.org.

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The Honorable Dannel P. Malloy
Governor of the State of Connecticut
Office of the Governor, State Capitol
210 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Governor Malloy,

While it is apparent that the tentative agreement enjoys the support of a majority of state workers, it is also apparent that it has generated substantial concerns amongst a substantial number of our members. It is clear as well that finalizing an agreement is very much in the long-term interests of both our members and the public they serve. Finally, it is clear that finalizing an agreement is the only way to avert tremendous and immediate disruption to the lives of working families, to the communities in which they live, to the public structures upon which our economy depends, and to our entire state's fragile economic recovery.

Therefore we would request that you or your representatives reconvene discussions as soon as possible to see what is necessary to reach an agreement that can be finalized and implemented.

We recognize that the budget adjustments that passed Thursday in the General Assembly create an effective deadline to the parties to reach a ratified agreement before August 31. It is, we hope and believe, our mutual desire to do so as long before the deadline as we can.

Thank you,

Daniel Livingston
Chief Negotiator, State Employees Bargaining Agent Coalition (SEBAC)