CCM's message is simple and straightforward. Governor Lamont's proposed state budget = property tax increases. How can that be? Isn't municipal aid being increased in the proposal? Well, let's do the math.

Education Aid

- While the proposal includes an overall increase in Education Cost Sharing (ECS), it results in a decrease in the grant amount for a number of towns.

- ECS funding has decreased by $407 million in real terms during the Governor's tenure.

PILOT

- Towns and cities lose over $1 billion in revenue for property tax exemptions on state-owned and private college & hospital property.

- While this PILOT funding has been increased in recent years, it remains underfunded by at least $400 million.

- The governor's proposal would actually decrease PILOT slightly.
  New Property Tax Exemptions

- $19 billion in taxable property has been removed from the tax rolls over the past decade. These exemptions have resulted in a direct cost shift to seniors and working families.

Pequot-Mohegan Fund

- The $52.4 million appropriated for the grant in 2025 is well below the peak funding of $135 million 2002.

- As gaming revenues have steadily increased in recent years, the share of those revenues going to fund the grant has decreased, from 23% in FY 16 to an estimated 18% in FY 25.

- The governor's proposal would add no new funding for the grant and the governor actually vetoed a bill in 2023 that would have restored the once promised funding.

Municipal Aid Statewide Totals

- While many communities see declining state aid in the governor's budget proposal, total statutory formula grants increase at 2.5%. This is well below inflation and in the face of continued mandates and the removal of taxable property. – The divestment into our communities follows seven years of budget surpluses and disproportionally impacts our seniors, small businesses, children and working families the hardest.