



## *Your* State Senator Cathy Osten

# BIPARTISAN BUDGET DEAL

## Cutting Spending & Protecting Our Priorities

In March, I joined my Democratic and Republican colleagues in the Connecticut General Assembly and voted on a bipartisan budget deal to close the Fiscal Year 2016 budget shortfall of \$220 million. **The deal restores hospital funding, preserves town aid and protects funding for core social services.** True leadership means staying at the negotiating table, hashing things out and reaching a compromise. **This bipartisan agreement once again demonstrates that Democrats are willing to compromise** in a way where we don't abandon our principles of protecting our investments in property tax relief, community hospitals, education, transportation and the safety net. We remain committed to making long-term structural changes to benefit the hardworking families of Connecticut.

### **The bipartisan budget deal achieves the following:**

- **Balances the 2016 budget**
- **Restores \$140 million in hospital funding**
- **Preserves core government services** and protects funding for many vital social services.
- **Defends property tax relief** and preserves historic investments to cities and towns through municipal aid.

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