Gov. Malloy Urges Legislature to Reject UConn Contract, Asks Both Sides to Return to Bargaining Table

(HARTFORD, CT) - Governor Dannel P. Malloy today released the following statement regarding a contract for non-teaching employees at the University of Connecticut, which is currently pending approval in the General Assembly. This morning, the Governor received a memo from Office of Policy and Management Secretary Ben Barnes outlining the administration's position on the potential contract.

The Governor said, “We must value and support those that serve the public. This contract was negotiated in good faith, and I appreciate the work of UConn and UCPEA. At the same time, agreements negotiated between labor and management must reflect our new economic reality. This contract, which was negotiated last year, does not. At a time when the state is realigning spending and services, rescinding raises for nearly 2,000 managers, and significantly reducing its workforce, I believe this is a contract Connecticut
cannot afford. It would set a precedent that would necessitate the elimination of even more jobs. I urge the General Assembly to reject this contract, and respectfully ask that UConn and UCPEA return to the bargaining table.”