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CONLEY LAUDS PASSAGE OF BIPARTISAN BUDGET

This afternoon, **State Representative Christine Conley** (D-40) praised passage of the bipartisan state budget ending Connecticut's fiscal crisis and restoring millions of dollars of cuts for Groton and Ledyard.

The budget passed the House in a 126 to 23 vote.

“This budget was a true bipartisan effort and I am pleased that it received overwhelming support by both parties in the vote,” **Rep. Conley** said. “I’ve heard from both Groton and Ledyard schools, town officials, and residents that these millions of dollars in cuts would have been disastrous and I am proud to have worked with leadership and members across the aisle to successfully restore them.”

Under the governor’s executive order, Groton stood to lose \$17.5 million dollars in education funding and over \$20 million in municipal aid for the 17-18 fiscal year. Under this bipartisan budget, all of the education and municipal funding for Groton has been restored.

For Ledyard, the bipartisan budget completely restores the \$5.9 million worth of education cuts under the governor’s executive order and includes an additional \$589,000. It also restores 92 percent of the cuts to Ledyard municipal aide in the 17-18 fiscal year.

In regards to the economy, this budget bill includes funding for the manufacturing pipeline, which trains vo-tech students to have the skills necessary to work in the manufacturing and engineering fields, including companies like Electric Boat. The federal funding for this program is running out for this year, but this budget provides the funding to allow for that program to continue.

“When we invest in our workforce, we invest in our future,” **Rep. Conley** said. “Companies like Electric Boat continue to be the economic drivers we need for our state and the increased number of local jobs the manufacturing pipeline provides will allow Connecticut to remain competitive with surrounding states.”

The bill will now be sent for the governor’s office for approval.

“The 40th District needs a budget now and this bipartisan budget is a win for both Groton and Ledyard. It rejects damaging cuts and does not shift undue financial burdens onto local property taxpayers,” **Rep. Conley** said. “I hope the governor reads this budget with the understanding that it fairly distributes funding across the state, invests in innovation and manufacturing, and pushes Connecticut in the right direction.”

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