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**State Workers on Governor Rell's Budget Proposals:
The Administration Must Focus on Jobs & Economic Recovery**

Leaders and members of the State Employee Bargaining Agent Coalition (SEBAC) were at the Capitol today for the governor's budget address as Connecticut begins its 2010 legislative session. Governor Rell addressed the General Assembly to deliver her proposals for closing the budget deficit. While her proposals avoided additional devastating spending cuts which have already cost our state nearly 50,000 jobs, they did little to address the underlying problems facing Connecticut.

"We need a bold vision and real programs to put the people of Connecticut back to work" said Catherine Osten, President of CSEA/SEIU Local 2001. "We tried to provide ideas in our 18-point plan which we presented to the governor's representatives last week. The governor should be working with the legislature and key stakeholders around the state to make our government into an engine for economic recovery that will put people back to work" she said.

In 2009, members of SEBAC's unions contributed close to a billion dollars in labor cost savings to help reduce the budget deficit. Last month leaders continued that effort by providing the governor with a long list of win-win ideas to help get the economy growing again. Suggestions included allowing front-line worker to identify efficiencies in State agencies, reducing duplicative bureaucracy, reforming our outdated tax structure, and empowering the State Contracting Standards Board to begin saving taxpayer dollars.

CSEA is one of the thirteen unions in the State Employee Bargaining Agent Coalition (SEBAC), which serves to unite approximately 45,000 Connecticut State Employees to address issues of common concern. To learn more about the coalition's campaign for a fair budget and a livable state with great public services visit www.InThisTogetherCT.org.

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Link:

[State Workers 'Jobs for All Working Families' Proposals \(18-Point Plan\)](#)

The State Employees Bargaining Agent Coalition's (SEBAC) member unions are:

- *AFT Connecticut*
- *American Association of University Professors – Connecticut State University*
- *American Association of University Professors – UCONN*
- *American Federation of State, County, & Municipal Employees - Council 4*
- *Congress of Connecticut Community Colleges/SEIU Local 1973*

- *Connecticut Association of Prosecutors*
- *Connecticut Employees Union Independent/SEIU Local 511*
- *Connecticut Federations of School Administrators Local 61*
- *Connecticut Police & Fire Union/IAFF-IUPA*
- *Connecticut State Police Union*
- *CSEA SEIU Local 2001*
- *International Brotherhood of Police Officers/SEIU Local 731*
- *New England Healthcare Employees Union, District 1199/SEIU*