

I am highly disppointed in the Governor's proposed budget, which among other things drastically reduces funding for state parks, raids the Community Investment Act funds, and emasculates the Council on Environmental Quality.

Governor Malloy has done a number of things to help improve the quality of life for Connecticut residents, such as raising the minimum wage and enacting reasonable gun control measures. However, this budget has seriously misdirected priorities. Connecticut has long been a leader in protecting the quality of the environment for its residents, however this budget abandons that tradition and ignores the many economic benefits of a healthy environment, state parks, and the protection of open spaces while at the same time spending many times the savings from the proposed cuts on transportation projects that encourage more people to jam already congested highways.

I might have expected such a budget from Governor Malloy's Republican opponent, had he been elected. A lifelong Democrat, I think I will have to reconsider my choice in 2018.

Sincerely,

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