



June 4, 2009

Hon. Eddie A. Perez
Mayor, City of Hartford
550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Mayor Perez,

It is in the spirit of sharing responsibility we submit to you the economic framework of our plan to provide significant savings to taxpayers, protect public services and prevent job losses. We are confident that the members we represent – people who have dedicated their careers to providing public services – want to be part of the solution to the current economic challenges facing Hartford.

Slashing public services would make things worse for everyone. That's why our constituents, so many of whom live and pay taxes in Hartford, want to be part of a genuine solution. We are committed to helping your administration to find savings that are just and fair for the people we represent, but do not damage the vital services they provide. (Many of those services have already been cut to the bone.)

Hartford's residents deserve more from their government than simply joining in the cycle of spending reductions, cutbacks, and layoffs. They deserve a government that invests in its people and infrastructure, even more in difficult times. They deserve a government that can manage operations efficiently and effectively. And they deserve accountability and transparency.

Collectively the members of the Hartford Public Services Coalition continue to offer solutions to the Administration and the City Council. We will continue to shoulder our commitment to the City and provide top-notch public services to residents and businesses. And we will honor another crucial commitment, which is to bring these proposals back to our unionized membership for their consideration.

The decisions you face are not easy. However, cutting public services is not the answer to the alleged current economic crisis. We urge you to examine our offer. We request to meet with you at your earliest convenience to discuss this framework, and while doing so, that you impose a moratorium on layoffs and layoff notices. The people of Hartford are watching all of us and counting on all of us.

Respectfully,
Hartford Public Services Coalition Members

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