DANNEL P. MALLOY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF CONNECTICUT

December 18, 2012

Dear Colleagues,

Last Friday, December 14, 2012, an unbearable tragedy befell the Town of Newtown in Connecticut. As a result of that tragedy, twenty beautiful school children and six dedicated educators from the Sandy Hook Elementary School were taken from their families and loved ones. Their losses have left a deep sorrow in Newtown, in Connecticut and throughout the nation. This coming Friday, December 21, 2012 at 9:30 a.m., in your time zone, I respectfully request that you consider observing a moment of silence and remembrance in your state in honor of those victims. A copy of the Official Statement I have issued in Connecticut declaring a Day of Mourning and calling for such a moment of silence is enclosed with this letter.

In the last few days, the outpouring of love and compassion from your state and from around the world has been overwhelming, and the people of Connecticut will be forever grateful. Too often we focus on what divides us as people, instead of what binds us together as human beings. The sense of community that has emerged in the wake of this tragedy should not be lost as we begin to emerge from this national tragedy, and I ask you to join with me and the citizens of Connecticut to remember the loved ones lost last Friday. I have also asked places of worship and government buildings in Connecticut that have the capability, to ring bells twenty-six times in honor of each life taken too soon from Sandy Hook Elementary School.

Thank you for your consideration and your continued support of Newtown and Connecticut in our time of need.

Sincerely,

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