



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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### STATEMENT OF STATE TREASURER SHAWN WOODEN ON THE CONNECTICUT LOTTERY'S ONGOING MISSTEPS, CALL FOR BOARD VICE CHAIR'S RESIGNATION

**Hartford, CT** -- Please see the following statement of Treasurer Shawn T. Wooden, an *ex officio* member of the Connecticut Lottery Corporation board, following the recent publication of [an article](#) in *The Hartford Courant*:

"Yesterday, I learned that the Connecticut Lottery Corporation shared misleading information that the board rejected the settlement of a legal matter, when in fact, board members were never given an opportunity to vote. The improper handling of this negotiated settlement agreement deprives taxpayers of their right to an accessible, accountable and transparent government -- and it underscores the need for a continued overhaul of the Lottery.

"My view was and remains that approving this settlement is the best way to protect taxpayers from unnecessary financial risk, and pursuing litigation could end up costing taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars in legal costs. The Lottery was well aware of my position and my intent to share it publicly, and chose to circumvent the board's oversight responsibility to vote. There can be no tolerance for this kind of end-run on legal matters that should be properly considered by a vote of the full board. I strongly believe that the vice chair, who was also acting as interim chair, should resign from the board immediately.

"The Lottery has a long history of missteps and it's time to set a new course. I look forward to working with the newly-appointed board chair to restore the public's trust in the Lottery and its operations."

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