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Subject: Ledyard Budget: 2nd Referendum

I am writing to express my opinion on the upcoming second budget referendum.

All cuts should be from the General Government portion of the budget.

Ledyard needs to support its schools and make every effort to grow that support and improve our schools. A look at a report of 2023-2024 expenditures per student (stateschoolfinance.org) indicates that less than a dozen Connecticut school districts spend LESS per student than Ledyard. For a “bedroom community” which refuses to invest in infrastructure to bring in business and support its tax base that is a terrible statistic.

I no longer have children in Ledyard schools but I understand the value to all home owners and town citizens of having quality schools. High performing schools mean higher home values and more people who want to live in our town to pay the taxes needed to run the town.

I recommend any cuts to the proposed budget come from the General Government portion of the budget and encourage that the Board of Education (BOE) portion to remain as is, if not increased.

Regards,
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