

## Roxanne Maher

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**Subject:** Budget

Dear Ledyard Town Council members,

I want to make sure to thank you for all the work you put in on the budget, as well as your hard work on behalf of our town, schools, and all our residents.

It was disappointing that the proposed budget did not pass in the first referendum. I was in full support of it.

Due to the need for change and reduction of the budget for the next referendum, I would like to acknowledge that the majority of voters expressed that the general government side of the budget is too high compared to the BOE side. Because of this, it's important that any budget reductions done honor the will of the voters, and reduce more on the General Government side than the BOE side.

It is not fair for our students that these cuts would reduce the quality of their education or that the buildings in which they study are not safe enough, making them less conducive to learning. Our children should not have to endure education cuts due to our failure to invest in education over the last two decades.

Thank you so much for your time and attention,