

# REBUILDING CONNECTICUT

## 2020 REBUILDING CONNECTICUT PLEDGE

**B**y signing the Rebuilding Connecticut pledge, I'm supporting a package of commonsense ideas that provide the revenue to support essential state services while creating a positive climate for growing jobs and driving critical investments in infrastructure and our cities.

I support each of the following policies, developed with the input of residents and employers from around Connecticut. These ideas will help Connecticut employers—particularly struggling small businesses—manage the high costs of navigating COVID-19

restrictions, create and retain jobs, and lead the state's economic recovery and growth for the benefit of all residents.

Rebuilding Connecticut demands a change in thinking and a bipartisan approach. Let's seize the moment to capitalize on the state's many strengths and not only restore our economy, but make it more vibrant and robust than ever.

Connecticut's fighting back—and our workers, innovators, and local businesses are leading the way.

### WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

- ✓ Tailor workforce development programs to prioritize high-value, in-demand industries—such as aerospace, software engineering, medical devices, biopharma, and fintech—and focus on defined pathways for educational and career development
- ✓ Streamline the professional licensing process, remove barriers for apprenticeship training requirements, and recognize equivalent out-of-state licenses for those moving here to increase workforce strength
- ✓ Expand the state's manufacturing apprenticeship tax credit program to include small manufacturers and repeal the state sales tax on employer training programs

### TAXPAYER ROI

- ✓ Deliver greater value to taxpayers by expanding the use of nonprofit organizations to deliver state services, implementing broad-based technology solutions, cutting duplicative state functions, and eliminating overtime and mileage in pension calculations
- ✓ Restore the long-term financial sustainability of the state's Unemployment Trust Fund through the adoption of benefit reforms already implemented as best practices by neighboring states

### URBAN RENEWAL

- ✓ Drive much-needed investments in our cities and towns by overhauling environmental remediation statutes and regulations, streamlining permitting, cutting red tape, and conforming state rules with federal standards

### INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT

- ✓ Support a bipartisan transportation funding plan that provides the necessary resources to rebuild and modernize Connecticut's infrastructure while protecting Special Transportation Fund revenues
- ✓ Leverage public-private partnerships to speed planning and completion of priority transportation projects, additional infrastructure projects such as critical bioscience laboratory space, and revitalize and grow the economies of our cities

### SMALL BUSINESS RELIEF

- ✓ Repeal the 6.35% state sales tax on employment training and safety apparel, including personal protective equipment
- ✓ Restore the pass-through entity tax credit to its original 93%—the 2019 reduction costs small businesses \$53 million annually
- ✓ Restore the R&D tax credit to attract entrepreneurs, foster startup businesses, and promote private sector investment

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