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Gov. Ned Lamont tells Connecticut businesses he's ruling out "broad-based" tax increases

Gov. Ned Lamont on Friday ruled out "broad-based" tax increases, telling business leaders that higher taxes over the past 30 years have failed to solve Connecticut's problems.

"I've been pretty clear. I have no interest in broad-based tax increases," he said, answering a question from Chris DiPentima, president of the Connecticut Business and Industry Association, during an online meeting of the state's largest business organization.

Connecticut's businesses could owe up to \$1 billion in unemployment taxes. They want the state to cover it with federal relief funds.

Chris DiPentima, president and CEO of the Connecticut Business and Industry Association, said that looming debt is a huge deterrent to hiring, and while businesses appreciate the \$155 million assist, they still hope Lamont and lawmakers will cover more of the tab.

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Lamont unveils bipartisan deal to pay off huge unemployment trust debt



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Jenn Bernstein  @JennBNews · Aug 13

SUNDAY ON THE REAL STORY: @CBIANews' @egjede discusses the Delta variant's impact on businesses, including major employers delaying the return of workers. Plus @AJForTheCity talks back to school for kids in Hartford, & Covid's ongoing impact on the community. Join us!
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SUNDAY AT 10AM ON *The Real Story*


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The promotional graphic features a blue background with a white border. At the top left is the FOX61 logo. The main text reads 'SUNDAY AT 10AM ON The Real Story'. Below this are two small portrait photos of Eric Gjede and AJ Johnson. On the right side, there is a larger photo of Jenn Bernstein in a purple dress, standing with her arms crossed. At the bottom, there is a cityscape image and the name 'JENN BERNSTEIN' in large white letters.

THIS WEEK IN CONNECTICUT

CHRIS DIPENTIMA
PRESIDENT, CBIA

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The image shows a man, Chris Dipentima, in a grey suit and pink shirt, speaking during an interview. He is positioned in front of a blue background with a blurred cityscape. A lower-third graphic is overlaid on the bottom of the frame, containing the text 'THIS WEEK IN CONNECTICUT', 'CHRIS DIPENTIMA', and 'PRESIDENT, CBIA'. To the right of the text is a red square with the number '8' in white.

Fed exec sounds mostly positive notes at CBIA event; Pitney Bowes chief concerned about CT's economic future



Marc Lautenbach
@MarcLautenbach

Looking forward to speaking with Chris and @CBIANews members on Friday. #RebuildCT



Chris DiPentima @ChrisDipentima · Apr 22

Thrilled to have @PitneyBowes president and CEO Marc Lautenbach as the keynote speaker for @CBIANews' April 30 Economic Update conference. Don't miss our wide-ranging discussion, including his outlook for the firm and the state's #economy. #RebuildCT bit.ly/3dIRmms



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Pitney Bowes' Lautenbach Looks Beyond the Pandemic

CT businesses are more confident about the state. Can it continue?



ECONOMY

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Survey: Connecticut Business Leaders 'Cautiously Optimistic'



CBIA @CBIANews · Sep 30

Key findings from CBIA/@MarcumLLP business survey:

- 80% of employers have difficulty finding/retaining workers
- 64% report 2020 profits, down from 77% in 2019
- 39% expect state's economy to grow; 54% see US growth
- 66% say all workers vaccinated

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2021 Survey of Connecticut Businesses

CBIA's 2021 Survey of Connecticut Businesses captures how companies are adjusting to one of history's greatest disruptions.

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Hartford Business @HartfordBiz · Oct 2
Eversource Energy plans to invest \$250 million in electric vehicle charging infrastructure in Connecticut and Massachusetts in an effort to speed up adoption of the technology, the utility's CEO said Thursday.



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Eversource to invest \$250M in electric vehicle charging in CT, Mass.
Eversource Energy plans to invest \$250 million in electric vehicle charging infrastructure in Connecticut and Massachusetts in an effort...

 **Chris DiPentima** @ChrisDiPentima · Oct 4
Enjoyed hearing from @EversourceCorp CEO Joe Nolan at @CBIANews' #CTeconomy conference. There are many opportunities in the renewable energy space and Nolan says Connecticut and the Northeast states lead the way in #windenergy development. #RebuildCT bit.ly/3mpRCKh



Speaking at a Connecticut Business & Industry Association economic conference, Joe Nolan, who took over as Eversource's chief executive in May, said the company is expanding its electric vehicle support efforts from Massachusetts to Connecticut as part of a statewide electric vehicle charging program set up by regulators in July. The investment will occur over several years.

“We’re supporting the creation of a charging network that will help make electric vehicles an attractive and convenient option for drivers throughout New England,” Nolan said.

CBIA: Job gains not enough, new policy solutions needed to aid recovery

Many Businesses Are Hiring in CT, But Some Say Finding Employees is Still a Struggle

The CBIA says there are a variety of reasons why businesses are having trouble finding workers, including extra unemployment benefits, the fear of returning to work, and a need for child care.

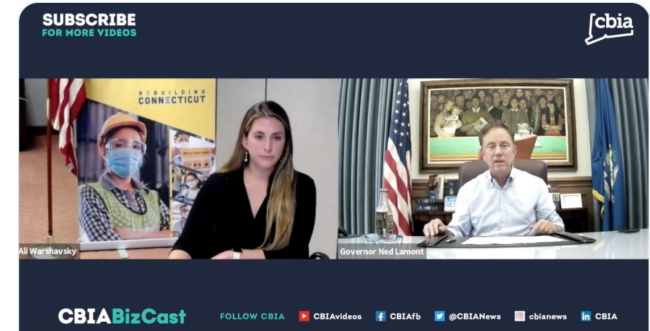


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Chris DiPentima @ChrisDipentima · Oct 18

Key takeaways from @GovNedLamont's @CBIANews BizCast interview:

- ➔ "We have to do a better job" getting people back to work
- ➔ "The best trained workforce is our biggest strategic advantage"
- ➔ "We need to simplify the tax code—it's too complicated"



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CBIA BizCast: Lamont Tackles Labor Shortage, Taxes, Running Again
CBIA BizCast speaks with Gov. Ned Lamont about a number of issues, including his goal of doubling the amount of manufacturers.

Lamont Lays Out Spending Priorities for \$900 Million of Federal Aid

Ashley Zane, a government affairs associate at the Connecticut Business and Industry Association, said the organization supported the governor's focus on workforce development, as well as providing funds to support childcare and higher education. She also said that they were pleased with the coordination between agencies.

"A lot of times, we've seen agencies operate in silos," she said.

The challenge is to ensure that when the federal dollars run out in 2024, Connecticut's economy will have recovered enough to pay for these new ventures and make this transformation permanent.

"There is no greater economic concern in our generation," said Chris DiPentima, president and CEO of the Connecticut Business and Industry Association. "How we spend this money will determine what Connecticut does for the next two decades."



Connecticut 's new stranded tax credit program aims to unleash investment



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Paul Pescatello, executive director of the Connecticut Bioscience Growth Council, says the industry is grateful for a new tax-credit program allowing firms to cash in R&D tax credits.



Chris DiPentima @ChrisDipentima · Sep 28

.@CBIAnews successfully fought this year to restore the R&D tax credit to 70%. As @FMLCPAs' Bill Claffey notes, it's time to let #smallbiz, including S Corps, partnerships, and LLCs, access the credit to foster more entrepreneurial activity. #RebuildCT



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Opinion: Connecticut's R&D credit is the best in the U.S. — but only if... Connecticut has an undeserved reputation for being hostile to businesses.

Black Hawk replacement 'existential' for Sikorsky's future, executive says



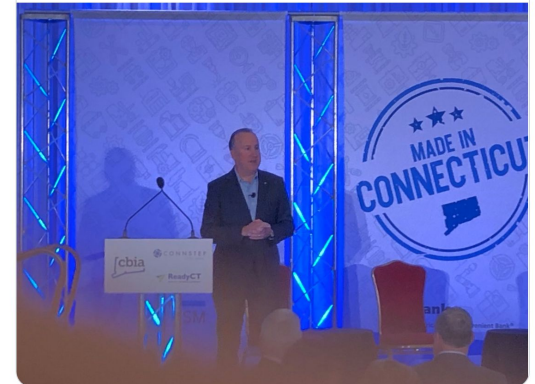
Paul Lemmo @lemmopaul1 · Oct 29

It was an honor to speak at @CBIANews #MadeinCT annual conference about Sikorsky's helicopters, incredible workforce and digital transformation.

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"We still live by Igor Sikorsky's vision," says @Sikorsky president Paul Lemmo. "That's to save lives and bring people home safely." #MadeinCT #aerospace #manufacturing

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MANUFACTURING POISED FOR PROGRESS - BUT WHERE ARE THE WORKERS?

BY KEVIN ZIMMERMAN
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Marriott Shelton, the 2021 Connecticut Manufacturing Report produced by the

Other notable numbers:
• 64% of manufacturers reported profits in 2020

• 40% expect Connecticut's economy to grow (compared with

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Chris DiPentima

President and CEO of CBIA, Connecticut's largest business organization...
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Highly recommend this recap of last week's manufacturing summit discussion between [CONNSTEP, Inc.'s Beatriz Gutierrez](#), [The Lee Company's Marietta Lee](#), [Burke Aerospace \(Turbine Technologies\)'s Brittany Isherwood](#), and [Bead Industries' Jill Mayer](#). Some great insights into their leadership styles and strategies and their outlook for Connecticut's manufacturing sector. [#MadeinCT](#) [#rebuildct](#) [#manufacturing](#) [#leadership](#) [#nextgenleaders](#) [#aerospace](#)



'Ready to Spring Back:' Manufacturing Leaders Look to the Future

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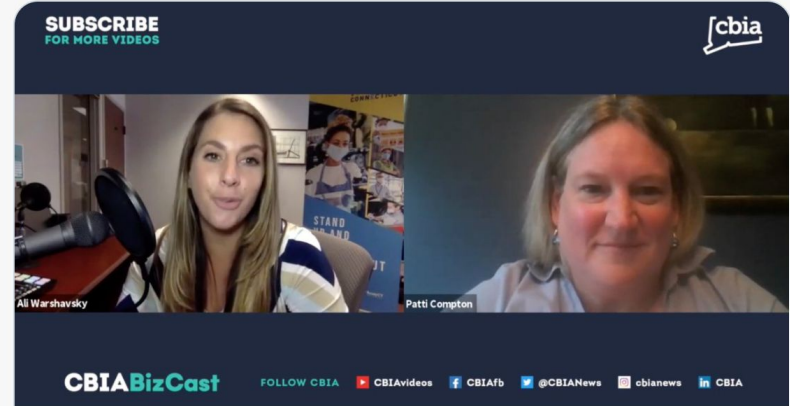
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Behind the Incredible Story of Pfizer's COVID-19 Vaccine



CBIA @CBIAnews · Aug 16

In the latest CBIA BizCast, @pfizer's Patti Compton explains the #Groton facility's role in developing the #Covid19 #vaccine



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CBIA BizCast: Pfizer's Groton Location Plays Critical Vaccine Role
CBIA BizCast speaks with Pfizer's Patti Compton about the role the company's Groton location played in COVID-19 vaccine development.



CBIA @CBIAnews · Jun 7

.@RaytheonTech's @Mrsylladixon: "Corporations have a huge opportunity to make systemic and generational change."

@ShipmanGoodwin's Leander Dolphin: "Start by identifying talented people who may be underrepresented—women, women of color, people of color."



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Making Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion a 'Business Imperative'

"We know that diversity fuels innovation, and that innovation is fueled by diversity of backgrounds, perspectives, ideas, and thoughts."



Chris DiPentima @ChrisDipentima · Jun 7

.@Cigna's Wendy Sherry highlighted the impact COVID-19 is having on women in the workplace during @CBIAnews' When Women Lead Conference.

"What can we do to keep the women leaders we have while ensuring that the pipeline for future leaders remains open?"



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Cigna's Wendy Sherry Warns of COVID's Impact on Women

"What can we do now to keep the women leaders we have while ensuring that the pipeline for future women leaders remains open and ..."



CBIA @CBIANews · Nov 1

.@PrattandWhitney's Scholars Program gives engineering students \$10K annually for four years to attend @UConn. Pratt will also offer summer internships, a design project, and other professional development and mentorship opportunities.
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Pratt & Whitney founds \$1.25M scholarship program for UConn engin...
East Hartford-based jet engine manufacturer Pratt & Whitney has committed \$1.25 million to a scholarship program intended to help ...



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President and CEO of CBIA, Connecticut's largest business organization...
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Spent the afternoon in Danbury at [Belimo](#) learning about the company's innovative thermal energy management products with chief manufacturing officer [Colin Cooper](#), state Rep. [Patrick Callahan](#), and state Rep [David Arconti](#). Thank you [Daniel Hobbs](#), [Jim Furlong](#), [Holly Saxton](#), and [Louis Scheidegger](#) for taking time to show us around your terrific facility--and for choosing Connecticut to make cool things!
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Stanley Black & Decker Launches \$25M Workforce Training Initiative



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#CromwellCT's Carey Manufacturing took a three-part approach to addressing the labor shortage, focusing on community engagement, training, and employee flexibility. No surprise they're this year's recipient of the CBIA/@CONNSTEP Workforce Innovation Award!



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Here's how one CT manufacturer has successfully tackled the industr...
Machines whirred and clanked on a recent afternoon at Carey
Manufacturing Co., as about a dozen employees worked at stations ...



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Sikorsky Program Showcases STEM Careers for Students



Chris DiPentima @ChrisDipentima · Oct 12

Employers like Whitcraft Group have been working with educational institutions for a number of years on second chance programs that provide pathways to [#manufacturing](#) careers. It's the type of out-of-the-box thinking that defines the sector. [#RebuildCT](#)



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Connecticut manufacturers, desperate for workers, are hiring ex-inma...
As manufacturers and other employers scour Connecticut for workers, they're turning to an unlikely corner of the labor force: ex-inmates ...



Chris DiPentima @ChrisDipentima · Jun 21

Terrific to hear [@BoehringerUS](#) CEO Jean-Michel Boers reinforce the company's commitment to the state.

“The fact that we’re in the Northeast between Boston and New York makes Connecticut a good place to be when it comes to attracting talent.”

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Exclusive: Boehringer Ingelheim USA President/CE...
Jean-Michel Boers doesn't often speak to the media, but in an exclusive interview with the ...

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ReadyCT @readyCTED · Nov 12

HAPPENING NOW: @Hartford_Public HPHS Principal Flora Padro and ReadyCT Director of ECC Pathways Gloria Ortiz-Rivera are leading the STEM Inclusivity discussion at today's @makerspacect New England Maker Summit. #career #learning #internships



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05.27.21

Patience, Empathy, Communication: COVID- 19's Leadership Lessons

Synchrony Partners with
Community Groups on
Digital Skills Initiative

Chris DiPentima
President and CEO of CBIA, Connecticut's largest business organization...
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One of the great things about manufacturing month is the opportunity to tour the state and see Connecticut innovation and ingenuity first hand. Spent time this morning at **Chapco, Inc.** in Chester with state Senator **Norm Needleman** and U.S. Senator Chris Murphy. The manufacturer has partnered with **iCleanse**, entrepreneur **Christopher Allen Sr**'s latest venture, on a product that cleans 99% of pathogens from electronic devices.
#MadeinCT #manufacturing #RebuildCT #innovation #entrepreneur #technology



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Wepco Plastics Awards \$5K Grant to Advanced Manufacturing Program

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Connecticut manufacturing is in good hands with the next generation of leaders like **Burke Aerospace (Turbine Technologies)**'s **Brittany Isherwood**, **The Lee Company**'s **Marietta Lee**, and **Bead Industries**' **Jill Mayer** ...see more



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ReadyCT @readyCTED · Jun 18

ReadyCT affiliate @CBIANews provided this coverage of the recent #ECAMP graduation, where 20 Hartford-area high school seniors were recognized for earning 21 college credits studying #advancedmanufacturing at @GoodwinUniv: cbia.com/news/workforce... #workforce #dualenrollment



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Goodwin's ECAMP Program Boosts Talent Pipeline

Students who received the ECAMP certificate earned 21 college credits in CNC machining and advanced manufacturing.

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What Nonprofit Organizations Mean to Connecticut's Economy



Chris DiPentima @ChrisDiPentima · Jun 29

Great news for @TheBushnell, a very important part of Hartford and Connecticut's cultural landscape. The shows are returning this fall, as will the crowds—we'll see David Fay and team! #RebuildCT



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The Bushnell receives \$5.75M recovery grant

More than a year after its lights dimmed in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Bushnell Center for the Performing Arts in Hartford got ...

Thomaston Savings Bank Helps Local Restaurants, Community Groups



CBIA @CBIANews · Sep 23

.@TheHartford's scholarship program allows 50 city students to attend UConn-Hartford tuition-free, with an allowance for additional expenses, including textbooks and transportation. #community #education #RebuildCT



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The Hartford establishes \$1M scholarship fund for UConn Hartford st...
Property and casualty insurer The Hartford has committed \$1 million to a scholarship fund that will support 50 Hartford students attending th...



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Hartford Athletic @hfdathletic · Aug 25

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Citizens Bank Rewards Small Business 'Community Champions'

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There are many things (eight-hole playoffs notwithstanding) that make the [@TravelersChamp](#) such a special [@PGATOUR](#) stop, capped off by its impact on the community. All net tournament proceeds go to charity, with \$2 million distributed this year. 🌞🌞



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2021 Travelers Championship brings in over \$2M for charity
This year's Travelers Championship generated over \$2 million for 112 charitable organizations, according to event organizers. The ...

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT 04.19.21

Raytheon Technologies Launches \$500M, 10-Year Social Impact Initiative



Chris DiPentima @ChrisDipentima · Oct 7

Hygrade Precision Technologies is among the thousands of @CBIANews members helping #RebuildCT! #MadeinCT #manufacturing #aerospace

CBIA @CBIANews · Oct 7

#Plainville #aerospace manufacturer Hygrade Precision Technologies and CEO Pedro Soto are featured in @GovNedLamont's latest #MadeByCT episode. Join us 10.29.21 in #Trumbull when we celebrate innovation at our #manufacturing summit. bit.ly/3ljBKdh @CONNSTEP @ReadyCT



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Chris DiPentima @ChrisDipentima · Oct 14

Joined @GovNedLamont and @agrussell_usa's Mark Burzynski at the company's Bristol plant today as the governor announced \$8.3M in #Manufacturing Innovation Fund funding supporting a series of #technology and #workforce initiatives. Keep #manufacturing strong! #MadeinCT #RebuildCT



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CBIA @CBIANews · Aug 17

CBIA's @ChrisDipentima helps cut the ribbon for a new collaborative workspace at @ADNETTech. The new space in #rockyhill shows their dedication to growing their CT workforce and their willingness to adapt to changing times with an office designed to support a hybrid workforce.



ReadyCT @readyCTED · Jul 29

Here we go! Summer interns in our PELabs program sponsored by @Travelers are presenting on their projects. From podcasts to research projects to manufacturing and more — these kids covered a ton of ground! AND they created valuable work product for real businesses!! #talent





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**Savings per employee calculated by annual cost savings realized or cost hikes avoided through lobbying for or against bills SB 1202, SB 842, HB 6633, HB 6447, HB 6443, HB 6537, and HB 6688 during the 2021 Connecticut legislative session. There are 1,366,700 private sector employees according to the Connecticut Department of Labor (www.l.ctdol.state.ct.us/lmi/ces/nfstatcm.asp).*



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02.03.21

'A Vision for the State:' Why Lawmakers Signed Rebuilding Connecticut Pledge



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Lamont: 'No Interest in Raising Taxes'



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04.09.21

**Marijuana
Legalization Bill
Advances; Includes
Employer Protections**



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**Bipartisanship,
Collaboration Help
Overcome Labor
Committee Agenda**



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**'Historic' Deal Reached on
Unemployment System
Reforms**



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02.19.21

Lawmakers Review Workers' Compensation Expansion Measures

SMALL BUSINESS

02.18.21

CBIA Urges Support for Women and Minority-Owned Businesses, Small Manufacturers



CBIA @CBIANews · Jul 15
CBIA's @egjede and @CONNSTEP's Beatriz Gutierrez join lawmakers for @GovNedLamont's signing of timely bill incentivizing #smallbiz to adopt recognized #cybersecurity standards. #RebuildCT





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Proposed Tax Hike Hits Small Business Healthcare Costs



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CBIA Calls for Independent Audit of State-Run Municipal Healthcare Plan



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02.12.21

'Here to Offer Solutions:' CBIA Testifies on State-Run Healthcare Plan



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2021 Session Focused on Workforce Development



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04.23.21

\$1 Billion Tax Hike Package 'Wrong Prescription'



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02.05.21

Moderates Push Back Against Tax Hike Proposals



CBIA @CBIANews · Jun 10

Much to applaud in the bipartisan state budget, including:

- ✔ No broad-based tax hikes
- ✔ \$3.5B rainy day fund left intact
- ✔ \$155M to help resolve unemployment fund debt crisis
- ✔ Restoration of R&D tax credit to 70%

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CT Senate gives final passage to new state budget

The Senate adopted the two-year state budget Wednesday, sending the package to Gov. Ned Lamont with bipartisan support.



UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

09.13.21

CBIA Releases 2021 State Legislative Voting Records



CONNECTICUT ECONOMY

06.10.21

CBIA: 2021 Legislative Session Delivers Platform for Rebuilding Connecticut



Chris DiPentima @ChrisDipentima · Jun 25

It's been a busy week for the state's economic development folks! @ITT_Inc 's decision to move headquarters from White Plains to #StamfordCT follows earlier relocation announcements from @InsidePMI and @icapitalnetwork. Keep 'em coming! #RebuildCT



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Lamont: Global manufacturer ITT moving HQ to Stamford

ITT plans to move its corporate headquarters from Westchester County and bring more than...



CBIA @CBIANews · Oct 4

"I believe in this state," says @icleansea's Chris Allen. "I've done it here, and I know I can do it again." Allen talked economic recovery with @MarcumLLP's Michael Brooder, @BeaconHealthOpt's Carrie Bourdon, and @FreemanCos' Rohan Freeman. #RebuildCT



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Survey: Connecticut Business Leaders 'Cautiously Optimistic'

"I believe in this state." That's how iCleanse CEO Christopher Allen responded when asked why he took the risk to...



CBIA @CBIANews · Oct 18

CBIA's recent Survey of Connecticut Businesses shows business owners have a more upbeat outlook when it comes to the state's business climate. @ChrisDiPentima tells @GregBordonaro they are cautiously optimistic.



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CT businesses are more confident about the state. Can it continue?
Business confidence has been a major problem in Connecticut.
Negative attitudes about the state's business climate have been ...

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Chris DiPentima @ChrisDiPentima · Oct 27

Our \$3.1 billion rainy day fund is one of the healthiest in the country. Its origins go back to the 2017 budget, when moderate lawmakers from both parties worked together on much-needed fiscal reforms that are paying off in abundance today. #RebuildCT



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CT has become a national leader in budget reserves
Connecticut's \$3.1 billion fiscal safety net has few rivals, according to a new report from The Pew Charitable Trusts.



Chris DiPentima

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Connecticut has led the way in navigating the pandemic and vaccinations, and our economy is well positioned as a result. The challenge is this, how do we get people back into the workforce? The jobs are there and it's clear we need a more aggressive approach. CBIA and the business community are ready to work with policymakers to develop significant solutions for getting people back to work and realizing Connecticut's tremendous potential.



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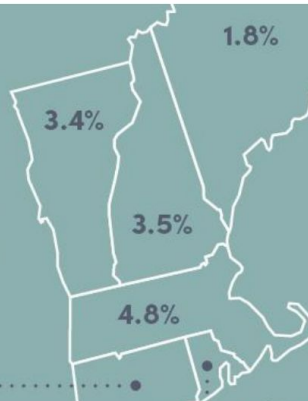
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Connecticut's job growth trails the region and the U.S., says [Chris DiPentima](#), threatening the state's hard-won positive economic momentum. "Employers are sounding the alarm. The labor shortage is the nu ...see more

Year-to-Date Job Growth (Through 9.21)

3.5%
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70K Job Openings, 6.8% Unemployment: Where Are the Workers?

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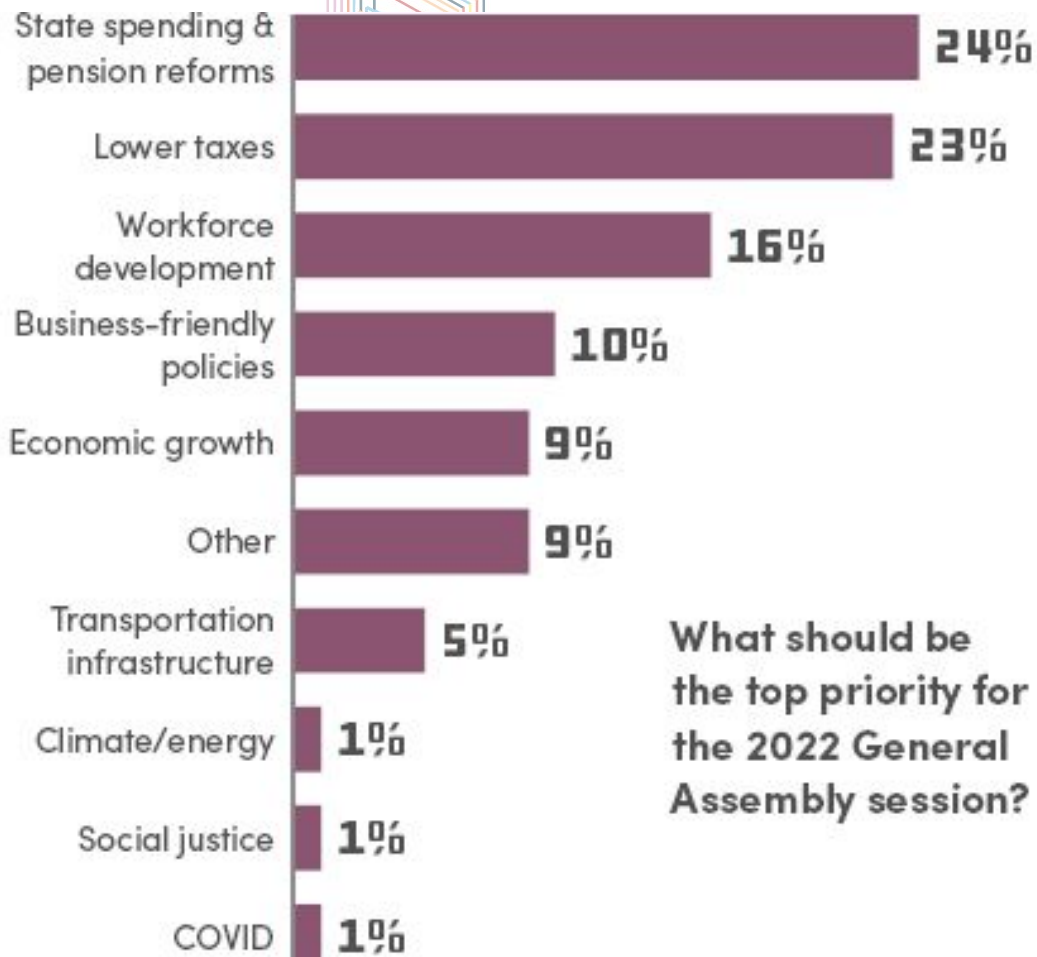
Why not use some of this surplus revenue to help address the labor shortage, the biggest threat to the state's economic recovery? Connecticut businesses are prioritizing investments in hiring, training, and employee retention—policymakers can play their part by tackling the structural factors suppressing job growth.

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Connecticut's Revenues Surge With An Election On The Horizon

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What should be the top priority for the 2022 General Assembly session?