Connecticut’s high quality education, productive workforce, and strong business climate helped make our state a great place to live and work. These traditions seem under threat from disparities in education, a mismatch between employee skills and employer needs, and stagnant job and economic growth. Connecticut has the ability build opportunity for all, with policies that strengthen families, generate growth, and ensure fiscal stability with a focus on reducing inequities.

Empower Family Economic Success
Help lower-income working families achieve financial security, while enabling children to grow up in equitable, safe and stable environments.
- Restore the state Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), which was cut last year from 27.5% to 23% of the federal EITC.
- Fully fund Care4Kids, which allows parents to work while their children are in care.
- Build a coordinated early childhood system that delivers quality care and education.
- Support two-generation strategies that transform service delivery to improve child and parent outcomes.
- Create a sustainable mechanism to fund lead abatement programs.
- Phase in increases in the minimum wage to $15/hour and index to inflation.

Generate Economic Growth
Foster more and better jobs, with a well-educated workforce that meets employers’ needs, enabling businesses to grow and thrive in Connecticut.
- Build a better-educated workforce by providing sufficient funding for developmental education in community colleges, while developing a debt-free community college plan.
- Establish business-driven regional sector partnerships to plan, design and execute responsive workforce programs and services that target high-value sectors.
- Use these partnerships to prioritize workforce training for good jobs that pay $15/hour or more, with insurance, leave, and retirement benefits, and viable career pathways.
- Improve transportation infrastructure to enhance Connecticut’s geographic advantages for business and create good jobs.

Ensure State Fiscal Stability
Long-term opportunity in Connecticut requires continued investment in education and human services.
- Repeal the bond lock provision of the current budget, which ties the hands of future legislators to change the spending, volatility, and bond caps, thus limiting the ability of the state to meet future needs of children, families, and communities.
- Generate sufficient revenue to fund core services, including expanding the sales tax to more services, collecting Internet sales taxes, and maximizing federal funds.

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