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The Big Connect

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THE BIG CONNECT, Connecticut's premier business expo, is THE must-attend event of the year for free educational seminars, networking, and a business trade show.

Presented by COMCAST BUSINESS, and produced by the Greater New Haven Chamber and Quinnipiac Chamber, The Big Connect runs from 7:45 a.m. – 6 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 16th at the Toyota Oakdale Theatre in Wallingford. It offers access to what's new and what's next in the business world.

Business is, in large part, about building relationships. Face-to-face meetings are very beneficial for building trust and understanding customers' needs. The Big Connect offers a valuable platform for facilitating conversations with current and prospective customers. Attendees can benefit by exchanging contact information, researching new products, and by attending one of the Big Connect's educational seminars.

The day kicks off at 7:45 a.m. with coffee and networking at the First Annual "Stars Align" nonprofit awards breakfast, sponsored by Mutual of America. Other interactive presentations include an entrepreneur forum, speed networking, LinkedIn for businesses, the opioid crisis, a panel dedicated to international business, and more. The 3 p.m. Women in Leadership panel, presented by The Girl Scouts of Connecticut, is led by Patricia Russo, Executive Director of the Women's Campaign School at Yale University, with panelists Medina Jett, President at ICS Group and Shanda Hinton, Global Diversity Talent Attraction Leader for United Technologies Corporation.

As an annual favorite, the expo features The Big Taste, a walk-around networking luncheon that showcases the area's top chefs. The Big Connect closes with The Big Bash from 4:00-6:00 p.m. with live music and a celebration, honoring Millennial Move Makers, inspiring professionals who have made an exceptional impact on their career and community.

General admission is **FREE** and open to the public. For a complete event schedule or to register, please call (203) 782-4342 or visit www.gnhccexpo.com.

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pension and annuity income to save another \$8.2 million, and phasing in the federal exemption threshold for the estate tax at an estimated cost of \$15.6 million in the second year of the budget, are positive actions, he said.

But Sen. Len Suzio, R-Meriden, who opposed the budget, said while there are four tax breaks, there are at least 17 tax or fee increases.

"While the tax breaks total \$60 million, the fee increases add up to \$450 million," he said. "I can't believe we're voting on this."

Sen. Toni Boucher, R-Wilton, was the other vote against the tax package, after first abstaining.

"I think there are many of us troubled by the particular process we're undergoing right now," she said. "The last thing any of us want to do is to increase taxes on an already over-taxed state."

Sen. Carlo Leone, D-Stamford, vice chairman of the committee, stressed both Republican and Democratic leaders agreed to the compromise.

"It's been clear that if it was easy, it would have been done many, many weeks ago and on time," Leone said. A sharp down-

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