

2018 REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

THE GREATER NEW HAVEN REGION

leads the state in opportunity for economic growth. It is rich in resources, including leading arts and cultural attractions, access to ample water for manufacturing, and higher education institutions that are unmatched in New England. To build a brighter economic future for Connecticut, we must tackle the biggest challenges, capitalize on our strengths, and adopt positive solutions. Significantly improving Connecticut's overall business climate will have a positive ripple effect throughout the state and region.

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CREATE LASTING STRUCTURAL CHANGES IN STATE GOVERNMENT:

- Continue to collaborate with CBIA and Metro Chambers to bring about financial stability in state government.
- Use the Framework for Connecticut's Fiscal Future that has been developed by the Connecticut Institute for the 21st Century as a blueprint for change and efficiency in government.
- Increase state health and human service delivery to the non-profit sector to achieve significant cost savings.
- Transform state IT services by partnering with private companies with a wealth of knowledge of public sector processes. Look to other states for best practices.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ISSUES:

- Accelerate priority investments in targeted roads & bridges and require CONNDOT to use available state and federal funding to prioritize investments in the most highly congested highways and secondary roads.
- Restore funding to the arts and culture to generate community vibrancy and attract visitors, residents and new businesses.
- Strengthen the workforce talent pipeline by supporting workforce initiatives that prepare our workforce for the academic, technical, and skill expectations for today's workplace.
- Preserve the 2017 Hospital Agreement.
- Ensure regulations minimize costs to businesses and are adopted only if necessary to achieve the core mission of the sponsoring agency.

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION ISSUES:

- Support the sale or transfer of Union Station to the City of New Haven.
- Promote the development of Tweed-New Haven Airport by permitting the paving of the safety zones, immediately.
- Fund and restrict the use of the state's Special Transportation Fund to transportation issues only.
- Complete the Hartford Line commuter rail and work with private entities to promote economic development along the corridor.

ADOPT MUNICIPAL MANDATE REFORM

- Refrain from adopting any new or expanded unfunded mandates during the 2018 legislative session such as required homeless shelters or prohibiting educational budgets from being revised to reflect enrollment.
- Reform the Municipal Employees Retirement System by creating new contribution plans for new hires which reflect business standards.
- Support cost effective regional and shared services program including, but not limited to, consolidation of 9-1-1 Call centers and shared public services.
- Ensure that any revisions to education funding are fully considered in an open, transparent and collaborative process.