

# REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA | 2020



We, the businesses of Greater New Haven, ask our legislators to support policies that encourage a vibrant business community and economic growth. Every effort should be made to improve the business climate, not harm it. When new legislation is proposed, the impact on businesses, large and small, should be an important consideration. This State's best chance for improved economic vitality is through a robust and dynamic economy in which firms are allowed to maximize value with limited interference from government. We want businesses to be able to create more jobs in this state.

## OUR MAJOR LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES:

### SUPPORT EXPANSION OF TWEED-NEW HAVEN AIRPORT

Major businesses across the Greater New Haven Region have stated that an improved Tweed will help their growth. Their employees will save time traveling to other airports, and the region will be more attractive to talent, creating more job opportunities here. It needs to be easy to get in and out of New Haven:

- Select Tweed as the "southern tier" airport for Connecticut
- Direct funding to support airport improvements
- Collaborate with airport partners to find solutions that support all parties

### INVEST IN THE GREATER NEW HAVEN REGION

"The recovery will be driven by the New Haven engine." Governor Lamont, Economists, and many more have pointed to New Haven as the epicenter of Connecticut's growth prospects. To accomplish our mission:

- We need the State to be partners and investors in Greater New Haven.
- We are seeking state support and funding for transformative projects and infrastructure improvements that enhance the economic vitality of the Region.

### ENACT A STATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Connecticut needs growth. The Chamber stands ready to support new economic development tools and activities to grow jobs and investments in Connecticut. We anxiously await a legislative economic development package. Any plan should address:

- Retaining and attracting talent to Greater New Haven
- Supporting the preparation of our current and future workforce
- Supporting our existing businesses in all industries including life sciences, manufacturing, the Arts, and technology
- Specific plans for inclusive and equitable growth
- Reducing regulatory burdens on our businesses
- Market Connecticut and its regions to the rest of the world
- Aggressively recruiting companies to locate in Connecticut

**For More Information Contact: Garrett Sheehan - President & CEO**

Greater New Haven & Quinnipiac Chambers | [gsheehan@gnhcc.com](mailto:gsheehan@gnhcc.com) | 203.787.6735

Visit the Connecticut General Assembly Website to **make your voice heard**: [www.cga.ct.gov](http://www.cga.ct.gov)