

DUE Justice Vision Statement- A Connecticut that Works for All of Us

We want a better Connecticut, and we can **have** it if we demand it.

We challenge our current elected leaders - and those seeking office - to join us in building a CT that will work for all of us, not just the few.

TO BUILD A CT THAT HAS:

Good Jobs & A Fair Economy

So all of us can care for and support our families and our communities, by providing:

- paid family leave as a basic benefit at work;
- a \$15 minimum wage;
- collective bargaining, so all people, including public employees, can negotiate a fair return on their work;
- a tax system that is right side up, so that the wealthiest individuals and big corporations pay their fair share.
- full access to opportunity in housing, education & good jobs regardless of zip code, race, gender or ethnicity.

Great Public Education – from pre-K through college

So every student in Connecticut, regardless of their zip code, can develop their talents, skills, and passions, by providing:

- a great start with early education, including full-day pre-K and kindergarten;
- fully-funded neighborhood public schools, with excellently-trained, well-paid healthy, happy, and diverse teachers and staff;
- a positive, safe and supportive learning environment, with fair discipline policies to keep classrooms safe and students in school learning;
- a fully-funded system of public higher education;

Quality affordable health care

So that that all residents, their families, and communities lead healthy and happy lives, by

- protecting the one in five CT residents on Medicaid, including children, working families, seniors and people with disabilities;
- making health coverage more affordable to everyone;
- allowing families not on Medicaid or Medicare to choose an insurer that puts their health ahead of corporate profits;
- lowering the outrageous price of prescription drugs by stopping drug companies from keeping prices artificially high;
- preventing huge insurance companies and hospital monopolies from raising costs to increase CEO salaries and corporate profits;

Climate solutions

So that the health of all of Connecticut's families and communities is protected and good jobs are created, by providing:

- protection from climate change disasters;

- clean energy solutions;
- investment in clean, renewable energy and the businesses that innovate these areas.

Democracy & fair Government

So that every one of our voices matter, not just those of wealthy campaign contributors and corporate lobbyists, by ensuring:

- barriers to voting are removed, including early voting, removing restrictions on access to the ballot box;
- the Citizens Election program is protected from attacks by corporate lobbyists, so that any qualified person can run for office without taking big money.

Call to Action: Together we can build a Connecticut that works for all of us. It's time we held our elected officials accountable. It's time we stand up for working families, low income seniors, people with disabilities, and the middle class – to build a Connecticut in which all of us can grow and thrive.