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Coalition of 60+ Community, Labor, Faith, and Nonprofit Groups Unveil Bold 2027 Agenda to Lower Costs and Deliver a More Affordable Connecticut

HARTFORD, CT — A coalition of more than 60 organizations across Connecticut today released a unified 2027 legislative platform calling for bold action to make life more affordable, strengthen public services, and ensure the wealthiest corporations and individuals pay their fair share.

The Connecticut For All coalition is urging candidates running in November to sign a pledge committing to a clear break from the status quo: a government that has asked working families to do more with less for too long, while costs for housing, healthcare, childcare, and basic necessities continue to rise.

The [pledge](#) lays out a straightforward governing vision: lower costs for working people, fully fund public schools and services, and fix a tax system that currently favors the wealthy over everyone else.

“This is about building a different kind of politics,” said **Constanza Segovia, Connecticut For All coalition**.

“Working people are tired of rising rents, unaffordable healthcare, and wages that don’t keep up. Too many politicians say the right things and then protect the same broken system. This pledge is about choosing a different path—one where dignity, fairness, and everyday survival actually guide governing decisions.”

Rob Baril, SEIU State Council and SEIU 1199NE President said workers are demanding more than rhetoric.

“Our members are organizing to build real political power so working people can live with dignity in their jobs and their communities. That means investing in public services, not cutting them, and standing with workers instead of the wealthy interests driving inequality.”

AFT Connecticut President Jan Hochadel pointed to growing threats from Washington and the need for state-level action. “As education, healthcare and public services are attacked at the federal level, Connecticut has a choice: retreat or lead. We can Trump-proof our budget, fix outdated fiscal constraints, and ensure the wealthiest finally contribute their fair share so our schools, colleges, healthcare facilities and public structures are fully funded.”

Hearing Youth Voices Executive Director Maya Sheppard emphasized urgency for young people. “Young people in Connecticut deserve more than uncertainty, rising costs, and school closures. They deserve a future where opportunity is real—not something reserved for the few who can afford it.”

Bishop Jeffrey W. Mello of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut added: “It is a moral failure when families are forced to struggle while essential services go underfunded. We need a system that prioritizes people over profit—especially in housing, healthcare, and education—so no one is left behind in one of the wealthiest states in the country.”

The Connecticut For All Pledge calls for bold governing that includes:

- **A fairer tax system** that asks the wealthiest individuals and corporations to pay more so Connecticut can invest in schools, healthcare, housing, and public services
- **Modernizing fiscal rules** so the state can make responsible investments in communities instead of artificially limiting progress
- **Expanding affordable housing and tenant protections** to address rising rents and corporate speculation in housing
- **Supporting union jobs and raising wages** so families can afford to stay in the communities they help build
- **Fully funding public schools, childcare, and higher education** while rejecting privatization schemes like vouchers and charter expansion
- **Protecting and expanding healthcare access**, including mental health services and care for immigrant families
- **Strengthening democracy and voting rights** so government is accountable to people—not wealthy special interests

The coalition emphasized that the choice facing candidates is not incremental—it is whether Connecticut continues on a path of rising costs and constrained public services, or embraces a governing agenda that puts working families first.

The Connecticut For All Pledge and updated list of endorsing candidates can be found at:
connecticutforall.org/2026pledge/

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About Connecticut For All: Connecticut For All (CTFA) is a statewide coalition of more than 60 community, faith, labor, and nonprofit advocacy organizations working to advance racial, economic, and gender justice and build a more equitable Connecticut where everyone can thrive.