Today, the state's income and wealth divides are greater than ever, but so much of a child's well-being is rooted in family economic security. Children cannot thrive unless families do, which is why we are focused on the family economic security issues that are most pressing during the pandemic.

**SAFE, AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

CT's housing policies and practices are separate and unequal, and high-quality affordable housing in the state is sparse - 50% of renters spend more than 30% of their income on housing. We are partnering with stakeholders across the state to institute large scale land-use reforms so that all families have the choice to live in opportunity-rich communities.

**UNIVERSAL CHILD CARE**

CT has the 5th most expensive child care in the nation. While the long-term aim is national universal child care, we are fighting for universal access now because all children deserve a solid foundation from which to learn. Caring for our children in this way also supports parents by allowing them to fully participate in the workforce and grows a business industry that's largely occupied by women.

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

CT's criminal legal system is currently not just. Children as young as 7 years old are detained and the policing of our school hallways contributes to a school to prison pipeline. We are partnering with stakeholders across the state to ensure young people and their parents are nurtured, which requires investments in community and educational supports.
BILLS WE SUPPORT

Safe, Affordable Housing
- CT SB00487 / CT HB06430 - An Act Concerning Housing Authority Jurisdiction.
- CT HB05682 - An Act Concerning Municipal Zoning Regulations And Affordable Housing.
- CT HB06287 - An Act Adopting Fair Share Planning And Zoning.
- CT SB00551 - An Act Concerning Multifamily Housing And Accessory Dwelling Units.
- CT SB00554 / CT SB00590 - An Act Concerning Municipal Zoning And Public Transi / An Act Concerning Transit-oriented Development On State Land And Affordable Housing.
- CT SB00712 / CT HB05681 - An Act Incentivizing Affordable Housing In Connecticut. / An Act Concerning Municipal Opportunity Reimbursement and Educational Equity.
- CT HB06107 - An Act Concerning The Reorganization Of The Zoning Enabling Act And The Promotion Of Municipal Compliance.

Universal Child Care
- CT HB05766 - An Act Establishing A Task Force To Study The Expansion Of Affordable And Quality Child Care.
- CT SB00087 - An Act Concerning Certain Protections For Group And Family Child Care Homes.
- CT HB05243 - An Act Concerning The Expansion Of Eligible Early Childhood Educators.

Criminal Justice
- CT SB00520 / CT HB06262 - An Act Concerning The Cost Of Telecommunication Services For Incarcerated Persons.
- CT SB00447 - An Act Concerning The Phase-Out of the Use of School Resource Officers.

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Connecticut's tax system is regressive (i.e. low- and middle-income families pay higher effective tax rates than the wealthiest in the state) and exacerbates economic and racial injustice. A fair tax system is good for residents and good for the economy, which is why we are focused on tax reform.

**EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT**

Expanding the state EITC from our current rate of 23% of the maximum federal credit to 30-50% would benefit families earning $56,844 or less annually (for joint filers), by reducing their collective tax burden by $34 million to $155 million per year.

**CHILD TAX CREDIT**

Creating a state CTC operating at 30% of the federal CTC that is fully refundable with no phase-in would reduce the tax burden of working-class, middle-class, and even a portion of upper-class families in Connecticut. It would reduce the tax burden on families in the state earning less than $200,000 ($400,000 jointly) by $381 million to $449 million per year.

**INCOME & WEALTH TAXES**

Raising the income tax on individuals earning over $500,000 (or $1 million jointly) by just 1 or 2 percentage points, a level on par with neighboring states, could generate between $500 million to over $1 billion per year; raising wealth taxes on multi-million dollar estates, individuals earning over $500,000 (or $1 million jointly), and homes valued over $1.5 million could raise between $606 million to over $1 billion per year.
BILLS WE SUPPORT

Tax Credits
- CT SB00178 / CT SB00472 - An Act Increasing The Applicable Percentage Of The Earned Income Tax Credit. / An Act Expanding The Earned Income Tax Credit To Undocumented Residents Of The State.
- CT HB05266 / CT HB05972 / CT SB00738 - An Act Increasing The Property Tax Credit.
- CT HB05276 - An Act Establishing A State Child Tax Credit.

Taxes
- CT HB06187, CT SB00821 - An Act Concerning The Restructuring Of Certain Taxes And Tax Equity.
- CT SB00173 / CT HB05274 - An Act Establishing A Surcharge On Capital Gains.
- CT HB05275 - An Act Concerning The Estate Tax Exemption Threshold And The Gift Tax Cap.

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• CT HB06416 – An Act Concerning the Removal of Liens on the Property of Public Assistance Beneficiaries

• CT HB05296 / CT HB 06339 – An Act Raising The Minimum Wage In Connecticut.

• CT HB05693 / CT HB06321 / CT SB00076 – An Act Concerning The Adoption And Implementation Of The Connecticut Parentage Act.

• CT HB06342 – An Act Concerning Domestic Workers.

• CT SB00708 – An Act Requiring The Banking Commissioner To Study The Financial Impact Certain Overdraft Protection Programs Have On Customers In Certain Disadvantaged Communities.

• CT SB00771 – An Act Concerning The Collection Of Certain Data Relating To Parents Who Have Their Parental Rights Terminated.

• CT SB00170 / SB00873 – An Act Concerning A Three-tiered Grants In Lieu Of Taxes Program. / An Act Mitigating Adverse Tax Consequences Resulting From Employees Working Remotely During Covid-19 and Concerning the Removal of Liens on the Property of Public Assistance Beneficiaries and a Three Tiered Grants In Lieu of Taxes Program.

• CT SB00808 / CT SB00172 – An Act Concerning Property Taxes and Affordable Housing. / An Act Establishing A State-wide Assessment To Encourage Affordable Housing In The State.

• CT SB00253 / CT HB6135 – An Act Encouraging Local School Districts To Regionalize. / An Act Increasing Financial Resources for Distressed Municipalities that Choose to Regionalize Their School Districts

• CT SB00842 – An Act Concerning Health Insurance and Health Care in Connecticut.

• CT HB05376 – An Act Prohibiting Female Genital Mutilation.

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