

The Midstate Chamber of Commerce, and its nearly 500 members comprised of for profit and nonprofit businesses in Meriden and surrounding areas, challenges our CT legislators to keep our most important interests in mind as they lead us in 2023. These broad issues follow:

- Continue to seek and support public and private partnership to procure expertise and funding sources for comprehensive development along the Hartford Line Corridor.
- Utilize pandemic funding responsibly so as to not incur long-term and permanent, unsustainable costs.
- Provide adequate funding for contracts with not-for-profits that provide services more efficiently on behalf of the State of CT increase contracting for such services with non-profits.
- Ensure that nonprofit property tax exemptions are protected and provide disincentives for municipalities to wrongly deny tax exemption applications.
- Advocate for programs, including affordable childcare and other incentives to allow people to return to the workforce.
- Take a fresh look at energy: including investigating rates, generation and distribution, and regulation in the area and options and benefits of alternative systems and planning for future capacity in the region.
- Create a course of study which reflects the needs of CT's business community, including financial literacy as part of high school graduation requirements.

