

Our 2010 Working Families Agenda



Working with over 55,000 members in the SEIU Connecticut State Council, CSEA/SEIU Local 2001 is pursuing the following public policy objectives during the General Assembly's 2010 session:

1. Put Good Jobs First

Cutting essential public services for seniors, children, and the disabled to close budget deficits has already cost Connecticut 50,000 jobs. We need smart, long-term solutions for our 21st century challenges, such as:

- ✓ **Move Connecticut Forward** – by reforming the state's revenue structure to allow for investing in our infrastructure and public education services.
- ✓ **Lower Utility Rates** – by establishing an energy purchasing entity to offer electricity to businesses at the lowest possible rates.
- ✓ **Care for Our Seniors** – by supporting the state's Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) program and home health assistance services.

2. Empower Clean Contracting

Move the governor to finish her appointments to the State Contracting Standards Board (SCSB) so its members can get to work protecting resources from being wasted on contractors that do not have the public interest in mind.

3. Support Better Healthcare for Less

Allow municipalities, small businesses as well as individuals currently without insurance the freedom to participate in the State Health Plan "pool" and invest in subsidies for startup businesses that create strong new jobs.

4. Promote Healthy Workplaces

Pass the "paid sick days" law to allow all working men and women from throughout the state to do what is simple and commonsense: take care of themselves when they are sick and avoid passing their illness to others around them.

5. Let Workers Put Family First

Amend the Connecticut Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) to allow public school paraeducators to take time off of work to care for a sick family member or to be at home after the birth of a child without the fear of losing their job.

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