

Vision for Connecticut



Small businesses equal big business for Connecticut. For more than a century Gus Scafani Importers have been a pillar of our community and important to Connecticut's economy. I led passage of a new law removing outdated rules and helping businesses like Gus Scafani Importers.

As a state we cannot plan for just one or two years down the road. **We must have a vision for Connecticut** that has an eye on decades into the future and the legacy we leave for the next generation. **We must remain focused on growing and attracting jobs** and how our investments in improving education, transportation and housing will impact us moving forward.

Tackling Current Challenges, Balancing the Budget and Paying Down Long-Term Debt

The recently passed budget saw the **largest spending reduction in the history of the state with a \$1.5 billion cut** over the past year. In addition, we **canceled nearly \$1 billion of borrowing**. While balancing the budget we also continue the plan to **fully fund past pension liabilities** including over \$1 billion this year. Tackling these issues impacts our investments and long-term sustainability going forward.



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“Connecticut government will get smaller. The proposed budget eliminates a projected deficit of nearly \$1 billion.”

Fighting for You

We have made cuts that are painful and difficult for some, but necessary if Connecticut is to remain viable and competitive. Here's what I did to protect funding for working families and the middle class this year:

- **\$19.2 million** in total funding from the state for Norwalk
 - **\$1.97 million** more than last year
- **\$11.4 million** in state funding for Norwalk's public school budget

New grants for the year in addition to the above:

- **\$625,000** grant for the Mill Hill Historic Park
- **\$2 million** grant for the Maritime Aquarium
- **\$2.27 million** for Norwalk school repairs and construction
- **\$1.7 million** for the Open Door Shelter's SoNo Life Center
- **\$850,000** for a home ownership program by the South Norwalk train station
- **\$500,000** grant for the Lockwood Matthews Mansion Museum



BHcare, one of the largest human service providers in the state, supported the budget saying it **“will preserve most mental health, addiction and prevention services in your community.”**

Looking Ahead by Working Hard Now



Economies across the globe have adapted since the Great Recession in 2008, which is why **we are restructuring government and streamlining services.** At the same time, our economic focus needs to shift. For this reason we are working hard to partner with entrepreneurs and **highlight Connecticut as a destination for innovation.**

Ultimately, we must have a clear vision for the future of our state by being strong, making key investments, and continuing to tackle the neglect and bad decisions of the past.

I'm bullish on Connecticut. I hope you are, too.

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**Norwalk Lands an Energy
Company and Jobs**

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**GE Moving Up to 600
Jobs to Norwalk**

The Hour

**Frontier moving headquarters and
200 jobs to Merritt 7 Corporate Park**

