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## CONNECTICUT CAN LEAD THE WAY

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Alex Kasser's step-by-step  
guide to building Connecticut  
back better.



# ALEX KASSER

**A forward-looking leader  
who does what's right for  
our economy and our values**



Dear Neighbor,

In Hartford, I've stood up to both Republicans and Democrats to advance bold ideas and practical fiscal solutions. I've stood up for our rights and values because I believe all people are equal, and discrimination must be addressed and corrected. I've stood up for the principles of Democracy and everyone's right to vote.

State legislatures are where many of the rights we take for granted — voting, education, healthcare, and gun safety — are established. State legislatures are the first line of defense when these rights are under attack in Washington. That's why it's critical to elect people we can trust to defend these rights in Connecticut.

Now, as our state navigates the COVID-19 crisis and begins rebuilding, it is more important than ever that we build Connecticut back better than before.

We can't afford to lose the progress we've made. We can't afford to challenge science and risk safety. We can't afford to go backward. We need to focus on sensible, innovative solutions and keep moving forward.

**Thank you for being an engaged, informed voter  
in this critical election.**

Alex Kasser

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## STEP 1

**Lowering the cost of living  
and taxes for everyone**

Alex's highest priority is lowering taxes and the cost of living and doing business in Connecticut.

In an effort to reduce the tax burden, capture more revenue, and prevent people from leaving the state, Alex introduced legislation to eliminate Connecticut's estate and gift taxes. She also voted against new taxes. And she wrote and passed a law that gives employers a tax break for hiring Connecticut college graduates.

To reduce the cost of living for young people, she introduced the first law in Connecticut to lower student loan debt. Providing student debt relief enables young professionals to buy homes years before they otherwise could have. Alex's law (SB72) gives Connecticut a competitive advantage in attracting and retaining new residents to the state, which grows our economy.

To address the high cost of health insurance, Alex supports a public option, which not only lowers the cost of healthcare for everyone, but gives people more freedom to start new businesses. She introduced a public option bill for small businesses to lower their costs so they can hire more people. Alex will keep fighting for sensible policies that create opportunity and ensure a strong economic recovery from this pandemic.



## STEP 2

### End excess spending and invest in smart growth

Even before the pandemic hit Connecticut, we had an urgent need to attract new businesses, create jobs, address unfunded pension liabilities, fix our crumbling infrastructure, mitigate unsustainable healthcare costs, and address the climate crisis.

The old way of thinking in Hartford wasn't producing the best results. This is why Alex voted against the state budget, twice, because it failed to address these urgent issues and, worse, it added new and unnecessary taxes on individuals and businesses.

Instead of going along with the status quo, Alex charted a new and innovative path forward for our state. She introduced bills to cap certain high-cost state pensions and adopt a shared-risk pension plan. She introduced a Constitutional amendment to require full pension funding so legislators can't "kick the can down the road." And she fought for economic growth with smart investments and public-private partnerships. With fiscal discipline, Connecticut can build back better than before.



## STEP 3

### Keeping our schools open and safe

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, Alex has worked with public health officials and scientists to pursue data-driven policies and evidence-based safety protocols for our schools and community.

To ensure that all schools stay open and safe, Alex has fought for more resources to close the funding gap between public and private schools. She's fought for free COVID-19 testing for students and teachers and for pool testing, which private schools are already doing.

Keeping schools safe and open all year long will remain Alex's priority because it is critical for students' social and emotional wellbeing, for their parents, and for the economic recovery of our state.



## STEP 4

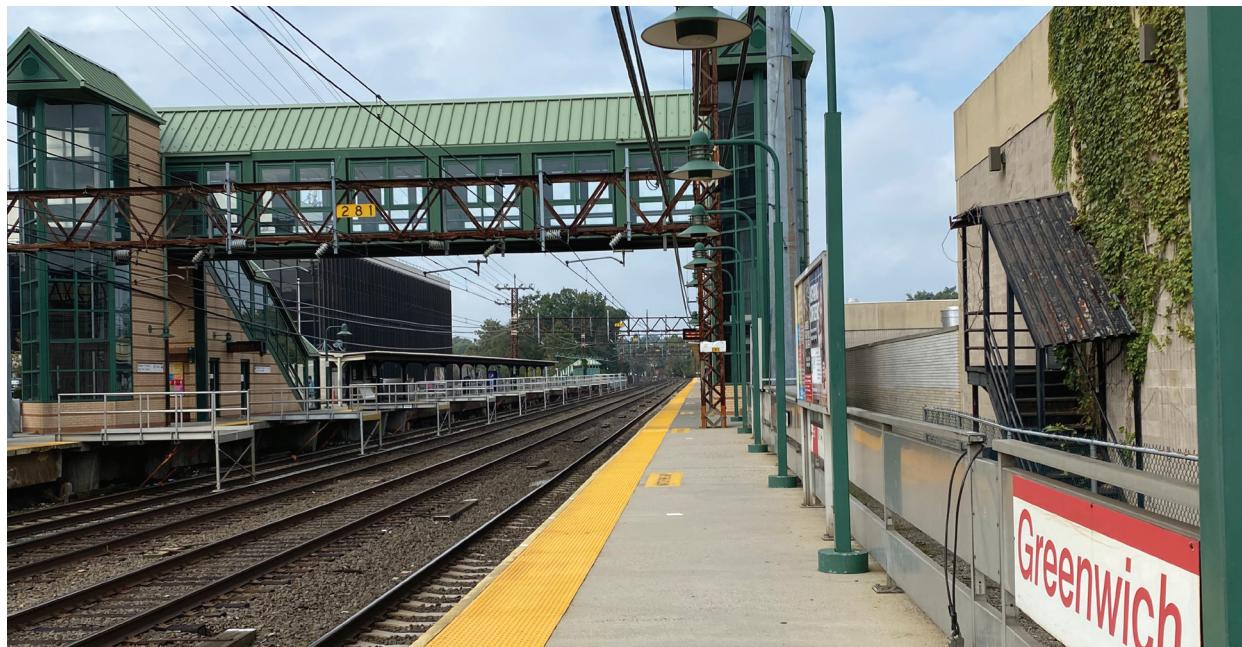
### Modernizing our infrastructure

Connecticut can only realize its full economic potential when we upgrade our infrastructure to 21st century standards using 21st century financing. Fast, reliable trains and highways are essential to attracting new residents. Resilient, reliable power grids and communications networks are essential to conducting business. And schools that are free of mold and other toxins are critical infrastructure too.

We can modernize all of our infrastructure by investing wisely in our assets and using proven methods to finance these projects without raising the burden on taxpayers.

Alex introduced and passed two Senate bills that would expand environmental projects (SB927) and transportation projects (SB70). She is fighting to reform public utilities, like Eversource, to make them more accountable to customers and resilient to storms.

Connecticut can have it all – excellent schools, fast trains, clean energy and climate resilience. We can make this the best state in which to live and work.



## STEP 5

### Defending our rights and values

We do not need to choose between progress and prosperity. As a fiscally responsible, socially progressive Democrat, Alex fights for both.

The Trump Agenda is in Connecticut. We need leaders we can count on to defend our rights. Alex has fought to ensure equality and equity for every person, by:

- Making healthcare affordable
- Protecting victims of abuse
- Advancing civil rights
- Preventing gun violence
- Expanding voting rights
- Protecting our environment
- Enacting paid family leave
- Defending reproductive choice

## Together, we can do this!





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**ALEX KASSER** is proving  
we can grow our economy  
without sacrificing our values.

Alex has earned  
endorsements from:

