



STANDING UP FOR CONNECTICUT'S SENIORS

Seniors are the anchors of our communities. They have worked here, created memories here, and raised their families here. It's important that they stay here. That's why our next governor needs to make sure he implements policies that will lessen the financial burden on older adults and help them stay in their homes. As governor, I am committed to working together to ensure Connecticut remains a place where our seniors can afford to live and their families are sure to thrive.

I believe we can make life better for everyone in Connecticut by creating jobs, cutting property taxes, and reducing health care costs. Jumpstarting our economy will make life easier for seniors and will encourage their children and grandchildren to stay in Connecticut to raise new generations of their families.

I also recognize we need policies tailored to the unique challenges our seniors are facing. In contrast, my Republican opponent's only plan to benefit retirees is to end the estate tax and provide a tax break for our very wealthiest residents. That tax break would eliminate state aid to our towns, forcing those towns to dramatically increase property taxes on already-strapped residents. My opponent also opposes the Affordable Care Act, which saved more than half a million Connecticut seniors significant sums of money by closing the Medicare Part D coverage gap, or donut hole. The choice couldn't be clearer.

As governor, I will:

- **Reduce the property tax burden** on Connecticut's seniors and municipalities. Property taxes in Connecticut are far too high, and Gov. Malloy made that problem worse by eliminating funding for municipal circuit-breaker program that helps 50,000 senior homeowners. I will reverse that hike by restoring \$25 million in funding to our towns – and will extend similar relief to tens of thousands of senior renters for the very first time.



- **Lower the price of prescription drugs.** Connecticut residents pay more for prescriptions than people in all but one other state, and our prices go up faster here than anywhere else. Bringing Connecticut's per capita pharmaceutical expenditures in line with national trends would save patients more than \$1.3 billion a year. I will reduce health care costs for seniors by increasing pricing transparency, negotiating lower prices, driving innovative payment reforms, and blocking abusive price hikes.
- **Help seniors age in place** by expanding home- and community-based services. Home-based care not only is more comfortable than institutional care, but also improves health outcomes and reduces costs to seniors, their families, and the taxpayers. Connecticut sends many more seniors in need of long-term services and support to institutions than most states do. Paying for in-home primary care, home visits, and home improvements like pull bars and ramps will prevent falls and allow older residents to live at home in safety and with dignity.
- **Guarantee the Affordable Care Act's protections** in Connecticut law. We must keep adults over fifty safe from the discriminatory age tax that leads to sharp increases in their health care premiums, even if the ACA is repealed by Congressional Republicans or struck down by an increasingly radical Supreme Court.
- **Support independent living** by promoting public transit and transit-oriented development.
- **Make it easier for relatives to care for aging family members** by establishing a responsibly financed paid family and medical leave system modeled on bipartisan successes in other states.