

The Connecticut Legislative Session is Underway!

Over the next few months help make our democracy here in Connecticut even better! We thought we would give you an update on what to look out for in the coming months – we will need your help to let legislators know that you care about our democracy!

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Common Cause in Connecticut will be working in three main issue areas this session:

1. Campaign Finance Reform

Goal: Support legislation which will ensure that citizens of Connecticut have confidence in the integrity and accountability of their elections and elected officials; bring greater transparency to Connecticut's elections; and protect Connecticut's Citizens' Election Program from cuts, and address loopholes in the program which allow special interest money in to the electoral process.

2. Voting Rights

Goal: Support legislation requiring Automatic Voter Registration, the process where eligible voters are automatically registered to vote by the state when they turn 18. Citizens may opt to join a political party or may opt to remove themselves from the voter rolls if they would rather not be registered

3. Economic and Racial Justice

Goal: Support legislation raising Connecticut's minimum wage to \$15 per hour; ending racial profiling in traffic stops; and ending the practice of prison gerrymandering in Connecticut.

We will need your support and activism to accomplish these goals! In the coming weeks we will be sending alerts on specific legislation and information on public hearings. How can you help?

- *Email or call your legislators asking for their support of certain legislation*
- *Write letters to the editor of your local newspaper about our issues*
- *Testify at public hearings*

If you have never taken any of these actions – don't worry! We will make sure you have the information you need and the know how to get the job done. Your voice is a powerful tool – and we want you to be heard loud and clear. Get started learning about the process of activism:

[The Connecticut General Assembly has an excellent guide for citizen action.](#)

We look forward to keeping you updated over the next few months on legislative activity, and we hope you will join us in some civic action in 2016!