

Young Earner Prosperity Roundtable (YEP)

Testimonial Requests

Oct. 10, 2019

Rep. Christine Palm (D-36)

As a member of the Millennial/Gen Y or the Gen Z generations, you know that Connecticut has faced enormous difficulty attracting and maintaining a young workforce. Here's your chance to be part of changing that. We want to hear from you.

The Young Earner Prosperity Roundtable (YEP) is committed to providing members of Gen Y and Z a forum to express their own views and experiences on what factors contribute to Connecticut's inability to retain young professionals and what can be done to reverse this trend. Hearing directly from the source will generate new avenues of discussion and new ideas to explore, which could provide the basis for successful initiatives and possible legislation that will bring young professionals back to Connecticut.

The roundtable will focus on, but is not limited to, these challenges facing Gen Y and Z in Connecticut:

1. Unaffordable housing
2. Lack of entertainment/nightlife
3. Transportation
4. Student loan debt
5. Access to credit
6. Workforce preparation in secondary education
7. Technology access
8. Environment and climate change

While space is limited for in-person testimony, we want to give every young earner the opportunity to voice their opinion. **We encourage you to submit written testimony detailing your thoughts on this subject.** Talk about everything you might feel is relevant; do not feel constrained by the topics listed above. We care about the diverse experiences and backgrounds that Gen Y and Z can bring to this roundtable.

Please email your testimony to arjun.badami@cga.ct.gov before October 5. Please include your name, age, education, and where you are currently employed (if applicable) in addition to the testimony itself.

We look forward to hearing from you! Let's strive to fulfill Connecticut's potential to be the state for young people – economical, socially vibrant, and livable.

Best,

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