“Shaping State & Local Tax Reform in Connecticut”

Central Connecticut State University: Alumni Hall, Student Center
October 1, 2004

AGENDA

8:30 a.m. Breakfast and Registration
Alumni Hall, Student Center

9:00 a.m. Welcome and Introductions
Dr. Robert N. Aebersold
Interim President, CCSU
Mr. Joseph H. Harper, Jr.
Vice President for External Affairs, CCSU, Ret.
The Honorable Kevin B. Sullivan
Lieutenant Governor
The Honorable Susan Mendenhall
Mayor, Town of Ledyard
Chair, Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy Advisory Board
Ms. Maria R. Simao
Manager, Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy, CCSU

9:15 a.m. “Putting Connecticut into Context”
Dr. LeAnn Luna - Presenter
University of North Carolina, Wilmington

9:50 a.m Panel #1: Is there Consensus for Change in Connecticut?
Dr. Lyle Wray - Moderator
Executive Director, Capitol Region Council of Government
Mr. James Finley, Jr.
Associate Director, Connecticut Conference of Municipalities
Dr. Cynthia Farrar
Director of Urban Academic Initiatives, Yale University
Mr. W. David LeVasseur
Undersecretary of the Intergovernmental Policy Division of the Office of Policy and Management, State of Connecticut
Mr. Robert Santy
President, Regional Growth Partnership
The Honorable Lewis J. Wallace, Jr.
State Representative – 109th District, Connecticut General Assembly
10:45a.m Break

11:00a.m Panel #2: What changes in tax policy are your constituents seeking?
   Mr. Anthony V. Milano – Moderator
   Distinguished Professor of Public Policy, CCSU
   The Honorable Richard O. Belden
   State Representative -- 113th District, Connecticut General Assembly
   Ms. Mary Broderick
   President, Connecticut Association of Boards of Education
   Atty. Shelley Geballe
   Co-President, CT Voices for Children
   Mr. Joseph McGee
   Vice President, Public Policy and Programs, SACIA, the Southwestern Business Council
   Mr. Peter Thor
   Director of Policy and Planning, AFSCME, AFL-CIO Connecticut Council 4

11:55a.m Lunch
   Alumni Hall

12:15p.m Property Tax Reform/School Finance Reform — Michigan’s Experience
   Dr. Douglas Roberts
   Director of the Institute for Public Policy and Social Research, Michigan State University

1:00p.m. Panel #3: What must happen in the year ahead?
   Mr. Steven Kliger – Moderator
   Executive Director, Center for Public Policy and Social Research, CCSU
   The Honorable John DeStefano, Jr.
   Mayor, City of New Haven
   Mr. John R. Rathgeber
   Vice President, Connecticut Business and Industry Association

1:30p.m. Conclusion