

# Economic Empowerment

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## **TREASURER WOODEN LAUNCHES ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT LISTENING TOUR**

*From Workforce Development & Entrepreneurship to Financial Literacy & Retirement Security, Statewide Listening Tour to Profile Economic Opportunities & Barriers to Address*

HARTFORD, CT — Today, Connecticut State Treasurer Shawn T. Wooden announced he will be conducting a statewide listening tour to engage communities on ways to improve the economic wellbeing of residents, businesses and the State of Connecticut. Through a series of roundtables, forums, and site visits throughout the state, the Treasurer’s Economic Empowerment listening tour intends to tap into the knowledge, insights and feedback of different industry and community voices on ways to strengthen our economy and the financial wellbeing of families in Connecticut.

“As Treasurer, my focus is on economic empowerment—identifying the tools and strategies that can improve and advance the economic future of Connecticut residents, businesses and our state,” said **State Treasurer Wooden**. “Since many issues contribute to turning Connecticut’s economy around, I want to create community conversations that can profile the successes, challenges, and ways we can better align Connecticut’s policies and programs to expand economic opportunities in our state.”

The Treasurer’s Economic Empowerment listening tour intends to touch on a variety of financial issues, including: workforce development & job creation, K-12 financial literacy education, personal finance, retirement security, college financing, homeownership, business start-ups & entrepreneurship, community banking, credit counseling & tax assistance, among other economic issues.

Listening tour topics, dates, and locations will be announced ahead of engagements. The tour is scheduled to be held throughout October, November and December. Feedback from the listening tour will inform the work and priorities of the Office of the Treasurer.

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