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*Your Home
Is Our
Business*

2010-2011 Issues List

Our industry is broad,¹ and deeply affects the economic health of the state. Our list of specific issues is extensive and ever-evolving as state and local governments constantly push out their sphere of influence over our businesses. The regulatory load facing land developers, home builders and remodelers crushes growth, jobs and the economy.

So, our 2010-2011 message to legislators and regulators is simple: **Allow us to lead the economy back. We're ready and able if you get out of our way. With an urgency and importance unparalleled in our association's history, we strongly hope the next Governor, legislature and all state and local regulators will:**

- **Improve the Regulatory Climate for Land Development and Building Homes for Connecticut's Citizens at Both the State and Local Levels and do the following:**
 - remove uncertainty caused by vague and open-ended land use regulations,
 - eliminate unnecessary permit processing delays and discretionary public hearings,
 - stop and reverse the expansion of inland wetlands jurisdiction,
 - repeal regulations limiting lot yields if they don't protect the public's health & safety,
 - ensure at every level our regulatory system is simple, swift and more certain,
 - reduce and streamline the fifty or more steps and possible stops in both local and state government before construction work on a new home can begin; and
 - prevent any new regulations that do not pass a threshold of reasonably protecting the public's health and safety.
- **Reduce State Spending and the Size of State Government to lessen the thirst for more tax revenues and do the following:**
 - prioritize state programs, discarding less than critically necessary expenses, and reinvigorate private self-reliance throughout our society, and
 - adopt a balanced budget, without new borrowing, and reduce or eliminate taxes, fees, charges, maintenance bonds and government bureaucracy to make CT a financially easier place to set up and continue a thriving business.

Significantly addressing these issues will allow the development and construction industry to produce more free market homes, from affordable to high end to serve all of society's needs. The homes, jobs and tax revenues we can produce will make CT a more productive and attractive place for all citizens. **We need state and local government to get off our backs**, let liberty reign and Connecticut will soon find itself awash in vitality, new people, entrepreneurship, growth, more tax revenues and a renewed ability to tackle any problem we collectively face. We can change our ways in balance with critically necessary laws and regulations that protect the public's health and safety, but change we must!

¹ *The HBA of CT's 1,100 Member Firms Build 70% to 80% of All New Housing Units in the State Every Year. 100 New Homes Create 324 New Jobs and \$8.9 Million in Taxes, Fees & Charges Paid to Government (in the 1st year alone). Permanent jobs & tax revenues continue.*