Connecticut must make an investment of $20 million to strengthen and stabilize our Homeless Response System. Our communities are still witnessing an unprecedented 14% rise in homelessness year over year\(^1\). Our homeless response system needs reliable, annual funding, without which our state will continue to see staggering numbers of people facing homelessness – and be unable to meet the rising need.

1112 people in Fairfield CAN experienced homelessness over a two week period\(^2\), including:

- 133 Family households with
- 133 Children
- 775 Individuals
- 293 Older Adults (55+)
- 74 Youth (18-24)
- 100 Veterans

4954 People experienced some form of homelessness statewide in a two week period\(^2\)

940 People were unsheltered across Connecticut as of January 29th, 2024\(^3\)

57% increase in calls to 2-1-1 for housing and shelter needs from 2021-23\(^4\)

82% of front line staff do not earn enough to afford a a modest, one-bedroom rental\(^5\)

The Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness (CCEH) developed the CT CAN End Homelessness Legislative Agenda. Our Legislative Agenda reflects the input received from homeless response providers, front-line staff, agency partners, and people with lived experience of homelessness from across the state. Together, we envision a Connecticut where everyone, no matter their race, income, or background, can live in dignity and peace with a place to call their home.