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DIALOGUE 2018 QUARTERLY REPORT: APRIL, MAY, JUNE
GUESTS AND SUBJECT MATTER DESCRIPTIONS

April 1, 2018 – Democratic gubernatorial candidate Ned Lamont

Subject Matter: Lamont, who ran unsuccessfully for U.S. Senator and Governor in the past, explains why he is back for another try at the governorship. He discusses the challenge of running as a Democrat trying to succeed Dan Malloy, one of the most unpopular governors in years. Lamont also talks about how he'll deal with the state's ongoing deficit problems and how he will address controversial issues such as a return to highway tolls.

April 8, 2018 – State Sen. Mae Flexer (D-Danielson).

Subject Matter: Flexer, a long-time advocate for women's issues in the legislature offers her views on Connecticut Congresswoman Elizabeth Esty (D-5th Dist), who decided not to seek reelection after claims that she protected her male chief of staff after serious allegations of sexual harassment surfaced. Flexer also discusses various bills in the 2018 legislative hopper designed to improve Connecticut's protections against sexual harassment and domestic violence.

April 15 – Brian Flaherty, vice president for public policy at the Connecticut Business and Industry Association (CBIA).

Subject Matter: Flaherty, speaking for the state's largest business lobby group CBIA, discusses the state budget battle and whether lawmakers can find a bipartisan solution again this year, instead of slipping into an ongoing budget stalemate. Flaherty also offers CBIA's view of proposed legislation on sexual harassment, the minimum wage, paid family and medical leave, and the so-called "captive audience" labor issue in the workplace.

April 22, 2018 – Shawn Lang, deputy director of AIDS Connecticut.

Subject Matter: Lang discusses the challenge of promoting AIDS awareness at a time when other illnesses have captured the spotlight. She says testing for HIV is still an important strategy, and Lang addresses the overall drug treatment picture including the exploding incidence of opioid overdoses.

April 29, 2018 – State Rep. Melissa Ziobron (R-East Haddam), ranking House Republican on budget-writing Appropriations Committee.

Subject Matter: As the end of the legislative session approaches, Ziobron gives her views on the potential for a bipartisan budget deal. She discusses several issues at play including: the rainy day fund, how to pay for transportation improvements, pension issues, and whether or not Democratic Gov. Dan Malloy should play a role in achieving the final budget package.

May 6, 2018 – Robert Klee, Commissioner of the State Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP).

Subject Matter: Klee discusses the increasing challenge of meeting clean air standards in Connecticut, now that the Trump administration appears to be siding with Midwest powerplants and other polluting sources that send bad air into Connecticut on a daily basis. He is asked whether individual states can make a difference in promoting clean air if official Washington turns a blind eye to the problem.

May 13, 2018 – Brenda Watson, executive director of Operation Fuel in Connecticut.

Subject: May 1 was the cutoff date for the winter protection against utility shutoffs for non-payment of bills. Watson explains that the financial challenge remains as the weather gets milder and discusses what her organization is trying to do to help those families in need. Watson indicates that the picture of who needs utility bill assistance is changing. It is not just the poor and the elderly, but increasingly it includes millennials.

May 20, 2018 – State Sen. President Pro Tempore Martin Looney (D-New Haven).

Subject Matter: Looney, the top Democratic leader in the State Senate, discusses the recently-achieved bipartisan budget deal and how it was crafted despite the intense political pressures of an election year. Looney talks about key elements of the package including a plan to save the Medicare Savings Program and measures to protect funding for cities and towns. He also tells why several controversial issues such as legalization of marijuana, sexual harassment legislation, and highway tolls failed to gain approval this year.

May 27, 2018 – Assistant Senate Republican Majority Leader Paul Formica (R-East Lyme).

Subject Matter: Formica brings a Republican view on why a bipartisan budget deal was achieved this month for the second year in a row despite political pressures. He explains why GOP lawmakers signed onto the deal even though it did not include changes in collective bargaining procedures that they sought. Formica explains why Republicans continue to battle against any return to highway tolls, and he comments on what the state legislature may do now that the U.S. Supreme Court has cleared the way for legalized sports betting.

June 3, 2018 – Amy Parmenter, AAA manager of public and government affairs.

Subject Matter: Parmenter offers expertise of why gas prices in Connecticut and elsewhere spiked bigtime this Spring, and how long the upward trend might last. She discusses how prolonged high gas prices impact tourism and other elements of the economy. Parmenter discusses in detail the so-called “100 deadliest days” of summer that often see a rise in teenager driving deaths. Parmenter talks about the importance of parental involvement with the driving habits of their teenage children.

June 10, 2018 – Independent gubernatorial candidate Richard “Oz” Griebel.

Subject Matter: Griebel, a former business executive, explains why he decided to try a run for governor as an independent, a difficult task because of the dominance of Connecticut’s two major parties. Despite the tough odds, Griebel has chosen not to seek public financing for his campaign and he discusses how he can raise the funds to be a viable candidate. Griebel voices his views on key issues including job growth, tax policy, education, and highway tolls.

June 17, 2018 – Democratic State Comptroller Kevin Lembo.

Subject Matter: Lembo explains why he decided against a run for governor this year after several months of exploring the field. He discusses his ongoing effort as Comptroller to fight the skyrocketing prices of many important prescription drugs. He also assesses the state budget situation, some reforms that are still needed, and the plusses and minuses of Connecticut’s dependence on revenues tied to the stock market.

June 24, 2018 – Michael Lawlor, criminal justice advisor to Gov. Malloy.

Subject Matter: Lawlor discusses the raging controversy over immigration enforcement in the United States, including the separation of parents and children at border stations. On the home front in Connecticut, Lawlor goes into the reasons why the state's prison population continues to decline. He addresses concerns that the effort to keep the prison population low may be allowing some dangerous individuals to get back on the street. Lawlor also comments on the status of juvenile justice in Connecticut.

July 1, 2018: Dr. Theodore Andreadis, director of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station.

Subject: Andreadis offers details on this week's warning that the tick population in Connecticut is peaking now, and more importantly, that higher than average tick infection with Lyme disease is being seen, along with higher infection of another worrisome illness babesiosis. Andreadis also discusses the state's ongoing mosquito management program that captures and tests mosquitoes around the state for West Nile virus and other dangerous mosquito-borne diseases.

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