



SEEC FORM 3

Political Committee (PAC) Registration
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION
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REGISTRATION TYPE

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1. NAME OF COMMITTEE				2. ACRONYM	
Defend CT					
3. COMMITTEE ADDRESS			4. COMMITTEE E-MAIL / 5. COMMITTEE WEBSITE		
Address 18 Crouch St			Email		
City New London	State CT	Zip Code 06320	Website		
6. CHAIRPERSON NAME					
First Name Christian		MI E	Last Name Soto		Suffix
7. CHAIRPERSON RESIDENCE ADDRESS			8. CHAIRPERSON MAILING ADDRESS (If different)		
Street Address 18 Crouch St			Address		
City New London	State CT	Zip Code 06320	City	State	Zip Code
9. CHAIRPERSON TELEPHONE		10. CHAIRPERSON E-MAIL ADDRESS			
(Include Area Code) 860 501 4800		chris@defendct.org			
11. TREASURER NAME					
First Name Tracee		MI L	Last Name Reiser		Suffix
12. TREASURER RESIDENCE ADDRESS			13. TREASURER MAILING ADDRESS (If different)		
Street Address 148 Gardner Ave			Address		
City New London	State CT	Zip Code 06320	City	State	Zip Code
14. TREASURER TELEPHONE		15. TREASURER E-MAIL ADDRESS			
(Include Area Code) 860 287 3642		tlrei@conncoll.edu			
16. DEPUTY TREASURER NAME					
First Name Robert		MI	Last Name Hayford		Suffix
17. DEPUTY TREASURER RESIDENCE ADDRESS			18. DEPUTY TREASURER MAILING ADDRESS (If different)		
Street Address 148 Gardner Ave			Address		
City New London	State CT	Zip Code 06320	City	State	Zip Code
19. DEPUTY TREASURER TELEPHONE		20. DEPUTY TREASURER E-MAIL ADDRESS			
(Include Area Code) 860 287 5627		rhayford@sbcglobal.net			
21. DEPOSITORY INSTITUTION NAME					
M&T Bank					
22. DEPOSITORY INSTITUTION ADDRESS					
Address 716 Broad Street Extension, Waterford, CT 0638			City		State Zip Code
Making a false statement on this form may subject you to criminal penalties, including but not limited to, imprisonment for up to one year or a fine of up to two thousand dollars, or both.					

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23. OFFICER NAME		TITLE OR POSITION	
OFFICER RESIDENCE ADDRESS			
Address		City	State Zip Code
23A. OFFICER NAME		TITLE OR POSITION	
OFFICER RESIDENCE ADDRESS			
Address		City	State Zip Code
23B. OFFICER NAME		TITLE OR POSITION	
OFFICER RESIDENCE ADDRESS			
Address		City	State Zip Code
23C. OFFICER NAME		TITLE OR POSITION	
OFFICER RESIDENCE ADDRESS			
Address		City	State Zip Code
23D. OFFICER NAME		TITLE OR POSITION	
OFFICER RESIDENCE ADDRESS			
Address		City	State Zip Code
23E. OFFICER NAME		TITLE OR POSITION	
OFFICER RESIDENCE ADDRESS			
Address		City	State Zip Code
23F. OFFICER NAME		TITLE OR POSITION	
OFFICER RESIDENCE ADDRESS			
Address		City	State Zip Code
23G. OFFICER NAME		TITLE OR POSITION	
OFFICER RESIDENCE ADDRESS			
Address		City	State Zip Code

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24. COMMITTEE SUBTYPE <i>(Select a single committee subtype under A or B. If you check B, you must also check one of four caucus subtypes)</i>			
A. ☒ Two or More Individuals ☐ Labor Union ☐ Two or More Committees (Event(s)) ☐ Other Organization ☐ Business Entity ☐ Legislative Leadership		B. ☐ Legislative Caucus <i>(Select subtype)</i> ☐ Senate Democrats ☐ House Democrats ☐ Senate Republicans ☐ House Republicans	
25. PURPOSE OF COMMITTEE <i>(Select a single committee purpose under A or B and applicable subtype)</i>			
A. ☒ Ongoing <i>(Select subtype)</i> ☐ State Elections Only ☐ Municipal Elections Only ☒ Both		B. ☐ Durational <i>(Select subtype)</i> ☐ Single Election Date _____ ☐ Single Referendum Date _____ ☐ Single Primary Date _____ ☐ Constitutional Amendment Date _____ ☐ Single Candidate ☐ Event(s) <i>(Names of Participating Committees)</i> _____ ☐ Political Slate Committee _____	
26. REFERENDUM QUESTION OR CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ONLY		27. GROUP'S POSITION ON THE REFERENDUM QUESTION or CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT	
Brief description of subject matter of Referendum Question or Constitutional Amendment		☐ Support ☐ Oppose	
28. DURATIONAL COMMITTEE FORMED FOR SINGLE OR MULTIPLE CANDIDATES ONLY ☐ See Addendum			
Position ☐ Support ☐ Oppose	Name of Candidate(s)	Office(s) Sought	Party Designation
29. COMMITTEES ESTABLISHED BY BUSINESS ENTITY, LABOR UNION OR OTHER MEMBERSHIP ASSOCIATION ONLY			
Entity Name	Address	City	State Zip Code
29a. IF THE COMMITTEE IS ESTABLISHED BY A PERSON OTHER THAN A HUMAN BEING, IS THAT PERSON MAKING THE EXPENDITURE A FOREIGN NATIONAL?			
☒ No ☐ Yes			
30. HOW WILL FUNDS BE RECEIVED?		31. COMMITTEE A COMPONENT MEMBER OF A STATEWIDE ENTITY	
<i>Committees formed by a Labor Union or Other Organization ONLY</i> ☐ Treasury ☐ Voluntary Member Contributions		<i>(i.e. AFL-CIO, AFSCME, CBIA, etc.)</i> ☐ No ☐ Yes <i>(Name & Address)</i> _____	
32. IS COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED OR CONTROLLED BY A REGISTERED LOBBYIST? ☐ See Addendum			
☒ No ☐ Yes If Yes, Name of Registered Lobbyist _____		☐ Client Lobbyist ☐ Communicator Lobbyist ☐ Both	
33. IS COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED BY AN ELECTED STATEWIDE OFFICIAL, GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEMBER OR AGENT THEREOF?			
☒ No ☐ Yes If Yes, Name of Official Member _____		☐ See Addendum	
34. IS COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED FOR A SENATORIAL DISTRICT ?		35. IS COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED FOR AN ASSEMBLY DISTRICT?	
☒ No ☐ Yes If Yes, District Number _____		☒ No ☐ Yes If Yes, District Number _____	

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36. DOES COMMITTEE FILE REPORTS WITH FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION OR ANY OUT-OF-STATE ELECTIONS AGENCY?	
☒ No ☐ Yes If Yes, Name of Agency _____	
37. HAS A CONTRIBUTION OR DISBURSEMENT BEEN MADE PRIOR TO THIS REGISTRATION STATEMENT?	
☐ No ☒ Yes If Yes, see instructions for additional filing requirements.	
38. IS COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED BY OR ON BEHALF OF A STATE CONTRACTOR OR PRINCIPAL OF A STATE CONTRACTOR?	
☒ No ☐ Yes If Yes, Name of Contractor or Principal _____ ☐ See Addendum	
39. PURPOSE OF COMMITTEE AS TO STATEWIDE & GENERAL ASSEMBLY CANDIDATES	
A. Is this Political Committee authorized to make contributions or expenditures to or for the benefit of candidates for Statewide Office? ☐ No ☒ Yes	B. Is this Political Committee authorized to make contributions or expenditures to or for the benefit of candidates for General Assembly? ☐ No ☒ Yes
40. IS COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED BY OR ON BEHALF OF A PRINCIPAL OF AN INVESTMENT SERVICES FIRM?	
☒ No ☐ Yes If Yes, Name of Principal _____ ☐ See Addendum	
41. CERTIFICATION	
Chairperson I hereby certify and state, under penalties of false statement, that all of the designations set forth in this political committee registration statement are true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief, and further, that this statement includes my certification to the fact that any individual designated herein to serve as the treasurer or deputy treasurer have indicated to me their acceptance of my appointment of them to those positions. Neither I, nor any person (including any human being, business, other legal entity or association) that established or controls this committee, is a foreign national. <u>Christian E Soto</u> CHAIRPERSON SIGNATURE <u>07/01/2025</u> DATE (mm/dd/yyyy)	
Treasurer ☒ Initial Committee Registration: I hereby certify and state, under penalties of false statement, that I have accepted my appointment by the chairperson to serve as the designated Treasurer of this political committee, and that I am <i>either</i> submitting this registration statement <i>together with</i> a SEEC FORM 20 complete as to the committee's first day of receiving contributions or distributions benefiting the committee or that I understand that I shall become obligated to file the committee's first SEEC FORM 20 within 48 hours after receiving the committee's first contribution or distribution. Neither I, nor any person (including any human being, business, other legal entity or association) that established or controls this committee, is a foreign national. ☐ Amended Committee Registration: I hereby certify and state, under penalties of false statement, that I have accepted my appointment by the chairperson to serve as the designated treasurer of this political committee. I intend to comply with all the campaign finance disclosure requirements as contained in Chapter 155 of the General Statutes, and to abide by any prohibitions, limitations or restrictions concerning campaign contributions and expenditures. Neither I, nor any person (including any human being, business, other legal entity or association) that established or controls this committee, is a foreign national. ☐ Biennial Committee Re-Registration: I hereby certify and state, under penalties of false statement, that I have accepted my appointment by the chairperson to serve as the designated treasurer of this political committee. I intend to comply with all the campaign finance disclosure requirements as contained in Chapter 155 of the General Statutes, and to abide by any prohibitions, limitations or restrictions concerning campaign contributions and expenditures. I further hereby certify and state, under penalties of false statement, that all of the designations set forth in this political committee registration statement are true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. Neither I, nor any person (including any human being, business, other legal entity or association) that established or controls this committee, is a foreign national. <u>Tracee L Reiser</u> TREASURER SIGNATURE <u>07/01/2025</u> DATE (mm/dd/yyyy)	

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41. CERTIFICATION *continued*

Deputy Treasurer

☒**Initial Committee Registration:** I hereby certify and state, under penalties of false statement, that I have accepted my appointment by the chairperson to serve as the designated deputy treasurer of this political committee. I intend to comply with all the campaign finance disclosure requirements as contained in Chapter 155 of the General Statutes, and to abide by any prohibitions, limitations or restrictions concerning campaign contributions and expenditures. Neither I, nor any person (including any human being, business, other legal entity or association) that established or controls this committee, is a foreign national.

☐**Amended Committee Registration:** I hereby certify and state, under penalties of false statement, that I have accepted my appointment by the chairperson to serve as the designated deputy treasurer of this political committee. I intend to comply with all the campaign finance disclosure requirements as contained in Chapter 155 of the General Statutes, and to abide by any prohibitions, limitations or restrictions concerning campaign contributions and expenditures. Neither I, nor any person (including any human being, business, other legal entity or association) that established or controls this committee, is a foreign national.

☐**Biennial Committee Re-Registration:** I hereby certify and state, under penalties of false statement, that I have accepted my appointment by the chairperson to serve as the designated deputy treasurer of this political committee. I intend to comply with all the campaign finance disclosure requirements as contained in Chapter 155 of the General Statutes, and to abide by any prohibitions, limitations or restrictions concerning campaign contributions and expenditures. I further hereby certify and state, under penalties of false statement, that all of the designations set forth in this political committee registration statement are true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. Neither I, nor any person (including any human being, business, other legal entity or association) that established or controls this committee, is a foreign national.

Robert Hayford

07/01/2025

DEPUTY TREASURER SIGNATURE

DATE (mm/dd/yyyy)

42. CERTIFICATION FOR LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP COMMITTEES ONLY

Legislative Leader

I hereby certify and state, under penalties of false statement, that this political committee has been designated by me, a General Assembly Leader, as a Legislative Leadership Committee, in accordance with Section 9-605(e)(3) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

LEGISLATIVE LEADER SIGNATURE

DATE (mm/dd/yyyy)

ADDITIONAL PAGES FOR SEEC FORM 3

If additional pages are needed to complete all information required in Sections 23, 27, 31, 32, 37 and 39 of the form, please reproduce the “Additional Page” for the appropriate section, and attach the page(s) to the SEEC Form 3.