

## **PLATFORM AT A GLANCE**

- Stop the slide of state funding for public education, especially in our small towns. *Restore past levels of funding in step with the cost of living.*
- Stem the flow of unfunded educational mandates. *Monitor the newly-created Education Mandate Review Advisory Council and testify to the burden those mandates place on our towns.*
- Promote incentives to enable small towns to encourage economic development. *Level the playing field on which all municipalities seek to attract business investment.*
- Give our towns the statutory power to create property tax relief programs for our low and moderate income neighbors. *Current programs are woefully inadequate in providing meaningful relief.*
- Recommit our state to be a leader in manufacturing. *We have some of the most sophisticated manufacturing firms in the nation, yet we don't encourage or promote them the way we should.*
- Focus on the challenges facing our towns' emergency services. *Create more opportunities in our high schools and community colleges that make paths for our youth to become the EMTs, firemen and policemen of tomorrow.*
- Recognize that climate change is an immediate threat to our environment, health and economy. *In all deliberations, work to protect our natural resources, the very fabric of our towns.*
- Protect personal liberties and respect diversity in our neighborhoods. *Recognize and hold that all people are more alike than not, given the inherent dignity of each and every individual.*