



GHIAA

Greater Hartford
— Interfaith —
Action Alliance

Spring 2026 Legislative Slate

GHIAA is a broad-based organization made up of 53 member institutions—diverse in religion, race, geography, and socioeconomics—fighting together for systemic change toward social, racial, and economic justice.

Housing Affordability

GHIAA has been fighting for innovative approaches to housing justice since its inception. This year, we are working on the following priorities:

- **YIGBY (“Yes In God’s Back Yard”)** – an exciting proposal that will remove obstacles to allow faith-based institutions to develop affordable housing on their land. *HB 5396, An Act Concerning Affordable Housing Development on Certain Land Owned by a Religious Organization.*
- **Just Cause Eviction Protections** – a bill that has been building support for several years and will protect residents from discrimination, retaliation, and profiteering by requiring landlords to give a valid reason before removing a tenant from their home. *SB 257, An Act Concerning Evictions for Cause.*

Immigrant Rights and Protections

To combat the violent racism of the federal government’s immigration policy, GHIAA is fighting to protect our immigrant neighbors’ safety, and all of our civil liberties, in several ways:

- **Protect Sensitive Locations** – establish state-level prohibition on civil immigration enforcement in houses of worship, schools, hospitals, and other sensitive locations, replacing the federal policy that Trump rescinded on January 20, 2025. *Originally SB 91; now included in SB 397 as amended.*
- **Hold Federal Agents Accountable** – require ID; ban masks; establish oversight, investigation, and legal recourse for violations of constitutional rights. *SB 397, An Act Concerning Democracy and Government Accountability.*
- **Limit Automated License Plate Readers** – place safeguards on collection, retention, use, and sharing of traffic camera surveillance data. *Originally HB 5449; now included in SB 397 as amended.*

Federal Response and State Fiscal Policy

The draconian federal cuts set in motion by H.R. 1 are already harming CT residents. With state budget surpluses measured in the billions annually, we have both the resources and the responsibility to respond by investing in safety net programs to support our vulnerable neighbors so that all can thrive.

- **Protect Health Coverage** – establish a Basic Health Plan and extend premium subsidy support for people who are being cut from federal eligibility. *SB 3, An Act Concerning Health Care Affordability.*
- **Extend Food Support** – create a transitional assistance program for people losing SNAP eligibility due to federal cuts and expanded work requirements. *SB 497, An Act Protecting Food Security for Veterans and Others and Mitigating Federal Cuts to Nutritional Assistance.*
- **Allocate Federal Response Funds** – use funding set aside in the 2025 special session to support health coverage and food assistance, and add additional funds from this year’s surplus and volatile revenues.
- **Adjust the Fiscal Guardrails** – pass a permanent adjustment to the Volatility Cap threshold.

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