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Dear fellow citizen,

Every day, throughout households, communities, the nation, and the world, we are beset by the effects of systemic poverty, racism, violence, and environmental collapse, which are multiplying unabated while dividing us further against each other. We sense increasingly the urgency of the moment as more of us join the ranks of the poor and economically vulnerable.

Despite the best intent and efforts of those who seek positive change in our laws, policies, and programs, our present system has failed to achieve equal economic opportunity and justice for every citizen. We have no economic democracy to support our political democracy.

This is why I urge you to participate in an important conference to be held at **Housatonic College in Bridgeport, Connecticut on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM.**

Organized by a group of dedicated social justice organizations, scholars, and advocates in Connecticut and from around the U.S. and the world, this forum will offer sound principles, a unifying vision, and specific policy reforms for attacking the financial roots of our most serious problems.

Pioneers in worker and citizen ownership legislation will explain how we can change course from an economic system that concentrates power and ownership in the hands of a few, to one that promotes true economic democracy that protects the dignity, freedom, and property rights of every person.

Learn how our money, credit and tax systems have erected barriers that block most people from acquiring ownership in corporations employing the advanced information technologies, robotics and artificial intelligence that will make many jobs obsolete.

Hear about a national legislative proposal for re-engineering our existing money, credit, and tax system to provide every citizen throughout their lifetime with **equal access to the financial means to become an owner of income-producing capital** — without inflation, taxpayer dollars, or increased government debt.

Join in the discussion about a recent legislative success in Missouri that won bipartisan support and can provide a roadmap for action — from the community and state level up to the highest national levels of power.

Please take time to read the attached materials and register for this **free** conference. I look forward to seeing you on April 29th.

Own or be owned,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rev. Dr. Herron Gaston". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Rev. Dr. Herron Gaston  
CT State Senator- 23<sup>rd</sup> District

Attachments:

- Conference brochure
- Overview of the Economic Democracy Act
- News report on the Missouri CLDC Act