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STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
**TREASURER SHAWN T. WOODEN**

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**FRIDAY: SENATOR BLUMENTHAL AND TREASURER WOODEN  
HIGHLIGHT HOW FEDERAL AND STATE, “BABY BONDS”  
LEGISLATION WILL BREAK THE CYCLE  
OF POVERTY AND NARROW THE WEALTH GAP**

***CT “Baby Bonds” Legislation Voted Out of Appropriations Committee this Week***

**New Haven, CT** – On Friday, April 23 at 12:30 pm at New Haven City Hall Annex, U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal, State Treasurer Shawn Wooden, Mayor Justin Elicker, and local advocates will highlight legislation introduced at the state and federal levels to create so-called “Baby Bonds.” These proposals would address wealth disparities by creating and funding savings accounts for children born into poverty. Treasurer Wooden’s bill would allow for the funds to be used for future higher education costs, saving for retirement, or buying a home or investing in a business in Connecticut. The state bill, [H.B. 6659 An Act Concerning the Establishment of the Connecticut Baby Bonds Trust](#), was voted out of the Appropriations Committee on Wednesday, April 21 with support from elected officials across CT, and will be available to be voted on by the General Assembly in the weeks ahead.

**Media planning** to attend can RSVP to [Michelle.Woods-Matthews@ct.gov](mailto:Michelle.Woods-Matthews@ct.gov)

**WHO:** U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal  
State Treasurer Shawn Wooden  
New Haven Mayor Justin Elicker  
Emily Byrne, Executive Director of Voices for Children  
Melissa Mason, Executive Director of New Haven Works

**WHEN:** Friday, April 23 at 12:30 PM

**WHERE:** New Haven City Hall Annex – Hearing Room G2  
200 Orange Street, New Haven, CT

**Please note:** Please RSVP as security will need your name ahead of time. We ask that everyone in attendance maintain 6ft. per social distancing guidelines and wears a mask.

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