

Dear Neighbor,

I'd like to extend my thanks to the voters of Meriden, Berlin, and Kensington for giving me the opportunity to serve you in the State General Assembly. It is a privilege and honor to do so, and I renew my commitment to represent your interests in Hartford to the best of my abilities.

I am pleased that I will be serving on the Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee, Insurance and Real Estate Committee and as vice-chair of the Human Services Committee.

This promises to be a most challenging year for all of us. The worldwide economic crisis is having a dramatic impact on our state, on our cities and towns, and on each of us.

Our job is to work cooperatively, imaginatively and purposefully to improve the lives of all of our citizens. This means making difficult decisions to balance the budget, but also maintaining critical investments in our economy and our future – investments in jobs, public health, energy efficiency, education and funding our municipalities.

To be effective, I need to hear from you. Let me know your thoughts on issues, your concerns, and your ideas for the best solutions to our challenges. Please call me at 800.842.8267 or write me at Catherine.Abercrombie@cga.ct.gov so that together we can build a better Meriden, Berlin, and Kensington and a better State of Connecticut for all of us.

I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Catherine Abercrombie
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2009 Legislative Preview

Health Care

- Expanding the state's health care plan will allow everyone in the state access to quality, affordable health care coverage and save money for taxpayers and municipalities by bulk purchasing health insurance and prescription drugs. By improving and expanding state health care programs, like HUSKY, we can cover more of Connecticut's uninsured.

Transportation Infrastructure and Mass Transit

- We look forward to the promise of significant federal funds for infrastructure projects from President Obama and Congress. We must use these and state dollars wisely to improve roads and bridges and to invest in mass transit. For too long our residents have had too few options for getting around our state. Improving existing infrastructure and expanding options for commuting will make Connecticut more competitive.

Workforce Development

- Connecticut has been a national leader in new technologies and 'green' initiatives. We need to put Connecticut people to work in these important industries. Doing so will benefit Connecticut residents as well as our economy. With federal investment in infrastructure projects coming, we need to ensure that our workforce is available and ready to commence shovel ready projects and put us on the right economic track.

Budget

- Connecticut is facing one of the worst budget deficits in history. Streamlining government and making it more efficient can save money for our state and municipalities. Increased federal funding should stimulate our economy by creating new jobs, expanding state health care and unemployment programs, and solidifying our infrastructure.

Deficit Reduction

- In January, I worked with other State Legislators to maintain a balanced state budget by cutting excess spending while avoiding layoffs and maintaining vital programs for housing, health care, energy assistance, and the environment.



Representative Abercrombie works with colleagues during a session of the House of Representatives.

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