



Cathy speaking at a press conference for the Commission on Non-Profit and Human Services.

Breast Screening Coverage

Connecticut has become a leader in insuring coverage of early mammogram screenings. This year I introduced legislation to expand insurance coverage of breast cancer screening using three dimensional magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). Women at risk with dense breast tissue and a family history or with a doctor's recommendation based on symptoms would have the MRI procedure covered.

Protecting Children Against Bullying

In response to growing concerns over increasing acts of school bullying, we passed legislation that strengthens school bullying laws and requires all school employees to complete annual programs dealing with the problem. The bill makes the school principles responsible to investigate and address bullying and electronic cyber-bullying whether it occurs in or out-of-school.

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Dear Neighbor,

As we turn the corner from recession toward economic recovery, I see opportunities to build on the successful business and job growth initiatives passed by the legislature this year.

Your input helped shape my votes during the last regular session of the General Assembly. I protected the services you expect and state aid to cities and towns that support our town's budget, repairs roads and helps keep your local property taxes down.

Balancing the budget isn't our only success. This report highlights legislation important to you. First, our highest priority was job creation and retention. Second, we saved taxpayer dollars by encouraging innovative approaches to regionalizing services. Some of our other legislative advances include; electric rate reform, education enhancements, health insurance reform and help for veterans, the environment and domestic violence victims.

I hope you find this report informative. I would be happy to answer any questions on these issues as well as any other concerns you may have facing our state. Together we can work to create a better future for our friends and families.

Sincerely,

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Brownfield Remediation Creates Jobs

I worked closely with the Commerce Committee to draft legislation that will enable a non profit organization to clean up the Windham Mills #4 site. This public act makes several changes to assist a developer in cleaning up contaminated areas that spread from a brownfield property before they acquired it. It extends eligibility for protection to nonprofit organizations and non-stock and limited liability companies acting on a municipality's behalf or independently.

Helping Small Businesses

Small business is the backbone of any viable community. We gave small and minority owned businesses a better chance at securing contracts that otherwise may not be within their reach. The new law requires the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) to set aside 25 percent of all contracts or portions of contracts for bidding by small contractors and minority business enterprises.

In addition, a study was funded to gather data concerning the state's minority contractor set-aside program to determine whether intended goals of the program are being achieved.



Rep. Abercrombie looking over legislation in the House Chamber

Streamlining Government

To address the state budget crisis we cut costs and streamlined government. Connecticut is being run more efficiently to increase productivity with:

- » state agency consolidations;
- » upgraded technology;
- » over \$700 million in spending cuts;
- » no borrowing;
- » fully funded pension obligations;
- » a commitment to staying below the constitutional spending cap.

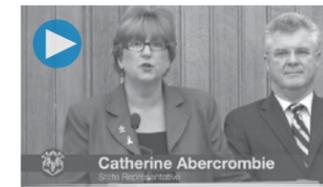
Creating Jobs – My #1 Priority

The Legislature made sure Connecticut was open for business by enacting laws that:

- » Encourage businesses to create jobs by providing tax incentives through the “First Five” program
- » Expand our reinvestments in manufacturing
- » Allow employees to earn paid time off when they or a family member is sick
- » Provide student loan reimbursements for green-tech degree holders after 2 years employment in the field
- » Create the Connecticut Airport Authority to run our airports as economic engines for the economy
- » Save our Vo-tech schools that teach the skills that put people to work.

At UConn, we're building a world class bioscience research center that will support hundreds of temporary construction jobs and permanent bioscience jobs.

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Autism Awareness Day

Rep. Abercrombie delivers opening remarks at a yearly event that raises awareness for services and programs related to autism spectrum disorder.



Treating Adolescent Substance Abuse

Rep. Abercrombie hosts a forum discussing adolescent substance abuse and its effects on families and communities.

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