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Dear Friends & Neighbors,

It is my honor to serve you as your State Representative. Last year we faced challenges to critical Human Services programs that I worked hard to defend as well as proposals to close our Middlesex Community College campus, which resulted in victories for us.

This year, we face new challenges, but know that I will keep addressing key issues that affect our quality of life and I will continue to defend our most vulnerable citizens. I will be sending you updates on actions taken by the legislature, particularly on the issues directly affecting our community.

I hope you find this information to be helpful. If you should have any questions or concerns regarding matters of the state, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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SERVING THE 83RD ASSEMBLY DISTRICT - MERIDEN, BERLIN & KENSINGTON

DEFENDING HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAMS

As co-chair of the legislature's Human Services Committee, I joined Community Non Profit Human Service Providers and devoted advocates in Hartford to protest the governor's plan to cut \$16 million in community health services last year. These cuts would have resulted in service delays and reductions that would have been detrimental to the services these agencies provide.



MIDDLESEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE

We passed a bill that blocked plans by the Board of Regents to close the Meriden campus of Middlesex Community College that serves over 600 students in the area. The legislation also included any future planned closing to require legislative approval. I am proud of the work we did in the legislature and the students that fought so hard to keep their school open. As a state, we have a responsibility to ensure the availability of educational options and I will keep working toward that goal.

A LOOK AT OUR TRANSPORTATION FUTURE

Plans to advance Metro North's New Haven-Hartford-Springfield Line and the New Haven Line are moving forward thanks to millions of dollars approved by the State Bond Commission. Almost \$10 million, combined with municipal transportation-oriented economic development funds, were approved for upgrades to the train lines. Our local Berlin Train Station is being redesigned with new public restrooms. These upgrades will serve customers well and I look forward to the completion of this important project.

\$1,291,970 IN STATE FUNDING FOR BERLIN & KENSINGTON:

- \$178,400 – DECD Brownfields Assessment for New Britain, Deming & Woodlawn Roads.
- \$463,570 – DOH/Main Street Program Grants to revitalize Main Street and Farmington Avenue in the immediate vicinity of the Berlin Train Station, and for the Berlin Main Street streetscape project. Construction begins in spring 2016.
- \$150,000 – OPM Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Grant.
- \$500,000 – 2015 STEAP Grant for Kensington sidewalks.