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# 2016 Legislative Session

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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## 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.



## AIDING PROPERTY TAXPAYERS

Meriden will receive an additional \$2,152,975 from the state this year from a new program designed to ease the burden on property taxpayers.

## A LOOK AT MERIDEN'S FUTURE HUB

A \$100,000 grant was awarded through the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD), as part of the Brownfield Area-Wide Revitalization Grant Program (BAR Project) to complete a retail, arts, and cultural plan in the city. The state's long-term vision to renovate Meriden's HUB site to relieve downtown flooding, increasing economic activity and creating the first downtown green in Meriden's history is moving along. This project will help us make our city a more attractive place to live, visit and work.