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## 2013 Legislative Preview

I want to thank you for the privilege of allowing me to serve as your representative in the Connecticut General Assembly. I consider it a humbling honor to hold such a responsibility.

We are all facing difficult times as Connecticut turns the corner towards economic recovery. As I mentioned throughout my campaign, I am committed to being your independent voice at the Capitol. We need a representative from Enfield to Hartford and not a representative from Hartford to Enfield, and I plan to see that mission through.

The 2013 Legislative Session is now underway, and I am extremely excited to have been appointed to positions on the Transportation, Veterans and Public Health Committees.

Please keep in touch and contact me should you have any issues or concerns. I would enjoy hearing from you. With both your input and support, we will address the most pressing needs facing Enfield.

Again, thank you for granting me the honor of serving you. Best wishes for a happy and healthy 2013!

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## Veterans

As someone who recently returned from four years of active duty service as a company-grade officer in the United States Marine Corps, I know the difficulties veterans face when transitioning back to the civilian world. Therefore, I proposed a Veterans' Jobs Bill this session that would streamline administrative requirements in order to get returning veterans into the workplace quicker and more easily. I also proposed a Veterans' Court Bill that would require veterans to go through intensive counseling and rehabilitation after committing nonviolent minor offenses. Veterans Courts in both Texas and New York have been extremely successful, and Connecticut should take advantage of this innovative form of jurisprudence.

## Supporting Our Seniors

Helping our seniors in their later years is an important responsibility of government. Seniors face a variety of challenges such as maintaining their health and keeping up with the bills on a fixed income. The legislature supports seniors in a number of ways including sending state funds to towns that help stabilize local property taxes, passing tough consumer protection laws and increasing grandparents' visitation rights. Looking ahead, expect to see proposals to help seniors keep their independence as their healthcare needs increase. A special task force on "aging in place" is recommending ways to help older adults safely, independently and comfortably remain in their homes.



## Transportation Improvements

Connecticut's transportation system is the engine that powers the state's economy. I am proud that Connecticut was awarded federal grant money to construct a light-rail system connecting New Haven, Hartford and Springfield. Light rail is a force-multiplier that will grow our economy, and as a Member of the Transportation Committee I will fight to get a light-rail station placed in Thompsonville. This light-rail station will help revitalize Thompsonville through transit-orientated development.