

MAKING DANBURY A LEADER IN HEALTHCARE AND BIOSCIENCE

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I wanted to share some information on new healthcare laws and the work we are doing to promote investments in bioscience that will contribute to the lifesaving technologies of tomorrow.

Healthcare issues rank high on my priority list and I am proud to have been able to play a key role in the passage of these laws last session. When it comes to healthcare, I support provision, protection, prevention and research - we made significant progress last session in all four areas.

I am also pleased that Danbury is well represented in bioscience research with companies such as Biodel that is focusing on innovative treatments for diabetes, MannKind that is working on patient-focused drug therapies, and Boehringer Ingelheim pharmaceuticals. I look forward to continuing our support for companies such as these and attracting new companies that will provide the high-tech jobs of the future.

I hope you find this informational mailer useful and, as always, do not hesitate to call my office if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

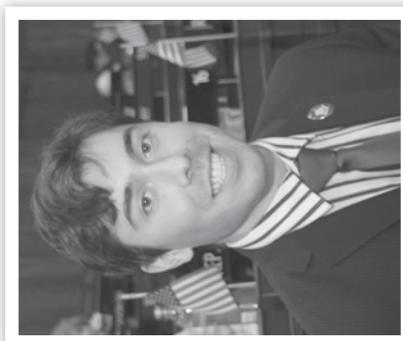


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PRESCRIPTION DRUG COUNTERFEITING - is an increasing problem worldwide. We strengthened and expanded the penalties, both civil and criminal, for dispensing and importing counterfeit prescriptions. *(SB 998)*

SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND OPIOID OVERDOSE PREVENTION - was expanded further to address the 22,000 pharmaceutical drug overdoses annually by requiring prescribers to receive more training on controlled substances. *(HB 6856)*

DEMENTIA TRAINING IN HOSPITALS - directs care staff to be fully trained in patient care and share that diagnosis with any other state agency providing services to the patient. *(HB 6892)*



PATIENT DESIGNATED CARE GIVERS - are increasingly family members who are not properly instructed on how to provide optimal care. Patients being discharged from the hospital may not improve without proper care and are at risk of returning to the hospital. A hospital is now required to notify and instruct the designated care giver in the patient's record. *(SB 290)*

CT BIOSCIENCE INNOVATION FUND

The road for a start-up bioscience company can be a difficult one. During research and development, revenue can be hard to come by, making investors skeptical, and slowing progress. During the 2013 session, the legislature passed SB 842, which established the Connecticut Bioscience Innovation Fund.

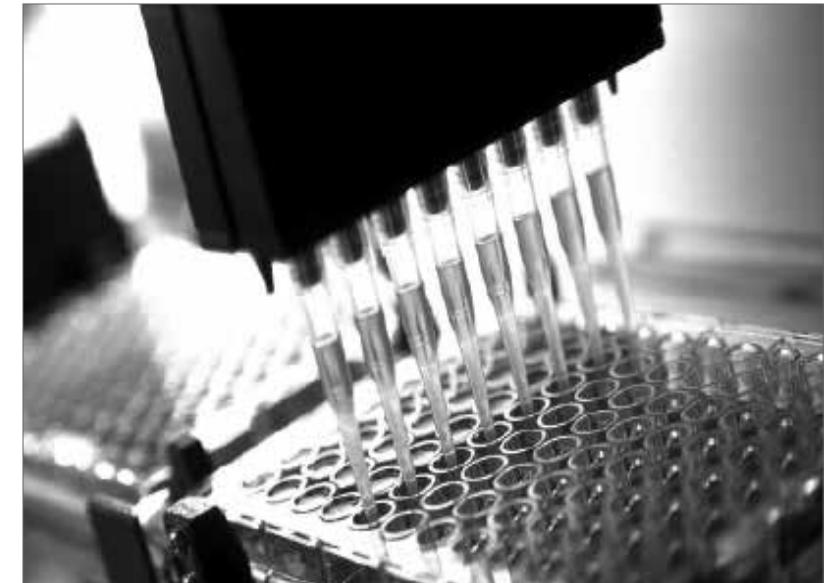
This fund includes \$200 million to invest in bioscience companies in Connecticut, making it easier for companies to acquire capital and further cementing our future as a hub for innovation. With these advancements also comes better healthcare in the state, and economic growth.

This past legislative session, we have expanded the eligibility requirements of companies that can receive financial assistance. This will help to further foster growth and help Connecticut make cutting edge advances in technology.



SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS - are important student health services and to be called one, they must be located on school grounds, managed by the school and provide comprehensive medical and behavioral health services. *(SB 917)*

DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING FOR CHILDREN - will now be included as part of the required health forms for children 5 years or younger. The screening will include the child's sensory, behavioral, motor, language, social, perception and emotional development. *(HB 6579)*



IF YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS:

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