

Hard work ahead on what matters most...

It has been an honor to represent you at the Capitol these past five years. I have always enjoyed speaking with you and hearing your concerns. Knowing what is important to you is the reason why I have worked so hard on some of the toughest challenges in our state.

I have advocated strongly for reform to lower the unfair burden of property taxes, for quality and affordable health care for everyone, for quality education and lower electric rates. I am proud of increasing state aid to keep property taxes down, and expanding health care access.

But there are still tough opponents standing in the way of real changes needed to reform the unfair property tax system and ensure affordable quality health care and lower electric rates.

Much more work still has to be done on what matters most. I will keep working hard, advocating for you.

Sincerely,

State Representative
Joe Aresimowicz



State Representative
Joe Aresimowicz

State Capitol
Hartford, CT 06106



Feel free to contact me
by telephone:

Home: 829-1654 Capitol: 240-8500

by e-mail:

joe.aresimowicz@cga.ct.gov

by mail:

State Capitol Hartford, CT 06106

or on the web:

www.housedems.ct.gov/aresimowicz

PRSRT STD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
HARTFORD, CT
PERMIT NO. 3937

Doing the Tough Work...



...On What Matters Most.

A Report from the Capitol from...

State
Representative
Joe Aresimowicz

State Representative Joe Aresimowicz

Hard Work Ahead On What Matters Most...



Fairness

Mortgage Crisis:

The mortgage crisis has hit many Connecticut families hard this year, so we offered legislation to assist those families affected. HB 5577 offers a new foreclosure mediation program that the courts will use to determine if and how families can keep making mortgage payments, thus helping them avoid foreclosure. The bill also creates stricter regulations and greater penalties on lenders and brokers when writing loans for people with limited income and who carry higher debt. To find out more about these programs call the Department of Banking's Foreclosure Assistance Hotline at 877-472-8313 or the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority at 860-571-3500.

Volunteer Firefighters:

First, I want to say how thankful we are to all of the brave individuals who put their lives on the line for their neighbors. We can never do enough for all of you! In response to your calls I advocated for a bill that will allow paid full-time firefighters to volunteer their services in the towns in which they live. What this means is that a municipality is prohibited from banning paid firefighters or paid emergency personnel from serving as active members of a volunteer fire department. This will allow the spirit of volunteerism to flourish in our community.



Security

Veterans:

Three of the bills I am most proud of came from the Veteran's Committee, of which I am the Vice-Chair. First is a bill which will assist members of the state National Guard in affording a graduate education. We extended their undergraduate tuition waiver to include graduate programs at the University of Connecticut and other Connecticut State Universities. Secondly, to honor our veterans we have eliminated the \$10 fee for the Gold Star Family license plates, for relatives of state residents killed in active military duty. Lastly we passed legislation which will ensure that the Commissioner of Veterans' Affairs has access to the list of eligible veterans so they can be awarded certain medals posthumously. This bill also requires the adjutant general to issue an achievement ribbon to the soldier, airman, and noncommissioned officer of the year in the Guard.



Opportunity

Long-Term Care (Money Follows The Person):

This program assists Connecticut in our efforts to reduce reliance on institutional care while developing community-based long-term care opportunities. It will support elderly and disabled Medicaid recipients who wish to live in their communities rather than in institutions. This is a quality of life issue, for people who want to be with their loved ones in their homes instead of a nursing home. The program was enacted by the federal government in 2005; Connecticut joins 31 other states who were approved for this program in 2007.



**State
Representative
Joe Aresimowicz**

Feel free to contact me

by telephone:

Home: 829-1654

Capitol: 240-8585

by e-mail:

Joe.Aresimowicz@cga.ct.gov

by mail:

State Capitol, Hartford, CT 06106

or on the web:

www.housedems.ct.gov/aresimowicz