



Berlin and Southington Legislative Update

We are working hard this year on legislation to address important issues for the people of Connecticut. We have provided towns struggling with ever-tightening budgets real savings through better prescription drug savings and we worked to pass legislation allowing greater access to lower cost medicines for veterans by allowing them to participate in Veterans Affairs prescription drug plans while in nursing home facilities. We made it a priority to pass job growth legislation that will help spur new jobs and help small businesses grow.

I hope you find this information helpful. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions on these programs or any other issue.



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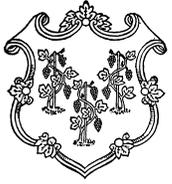
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PRESCRIPTION DRUG RELIEF FOR VETERANS

The House and Senate passed legislation barring nursing home facilities from restricting veterans from accessing prescription drug benefits offered through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Veterans who are patients in the nursing homes may benefit from lower VA drug costs.

TOWNS SAVE ON HEALTH CARE

The House passed legislation that will lower prescription drug costs for Connecticut's towns. The bill gives municipalities the ability to buy prescription drugs through the state employee plan. By taking advantage of the bargaining power, low administrative costs and substantial discounts negotiated by the large state employee pool, municipalities will see substantial savings in health care costs. The bill is the right prescription for ailing municipal budgets. It will give municipalities a new tool for managing prescription costs—a key driver of rising health care costs.

STRENGTHENING OUR ECONOMY THROUGH JOBS

A top priority of this legislative session was putting Connecticut back to work. We gathered the best ideas and put them in motion for an immediate boost to job creation, while laying a foundation for long-term economic growth. Incentives for entrepreneurship and innovation, infrastructure, and education are all contained in the bill.

Some highlights of this legislation include:

- Investment in all stages of business growth
- Assistance to Connecticut businesses in exporting goods and services
- Loans and tax incentives targeted specifically at small businesses
- Opportunities for training and rehiring of the recently unemployed
- Student Loan forgiveness program for students entering green technology, life sciences and health insurance technology



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