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800-633-4227

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Dear Friends,

First, I want to thank you for your support as it is an honor to serve as your State Representative. In my job, I am always mindful to support initiatives to help the lives of seniors, providing them the very best in healthcare, housing and transportation. Even given the state budget deficit we are facing, these are programs we need to protect.

It is important to me that you have access to as much information as possible on ways your state government helps seniors, veterans and the disabled. This report includes resources I hope you will find helpful.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these programs or have any issues of importance you wish to discuss, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul J. Brycki".



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FREE CONSUMER LEGAL SERVICES FOR SENIORS

The Consumer Law Project for Elders (a project of Connecticut Legal Services, Inc.) provides free legal assistance to Connecticut residents 60 or older who have questions about consumer rights, debt or collection problems, bills for items never purchased, identity theft, bankruptcy, and unfair and undisclosed loan terms. For more information, call 800-296-1467.



Rep. Brycki along with Elizabeth Mentillo of Griswold in honor of her 101st Birthday. Elizabeth visited the State Capitol to meet the Governor and attend a state bond commission meeting where it was announced Griswold would receive \$343,500 to design a new senior center.



Rep. Brycki at the site of what will be the newly renovated McCluggage Manor, which received a Community Development Block Grant of \$800,000 for improvements.

LONG-TERM CARE

Long-Term Care helps provide for the needs of people who are chronically ill, disabled or who can't care for themselves. Connecticut has joined forces with private insurance companies to form the Long-Term Care Partnership to provide helpful information in finding quality care without having to deplete their assets. If you would like to find out more information about Long-Term Care policies, please call the Connecticut Partnership for Long-Term Care at 800-547-3443.

CONNECTICUT HOME CARE PROGRAM FOR ELDERS

Many seniors are blessed with family members who can provide needed care at home, rather than nursing home care. But that can be burdensome and costly. Help is available from the Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders. For information, brochures, and applications, call the Alternative Care unit at the Connecticut Department of Social Services at 800-445-5394.

CHOICES PROGRAM

Need help understanding Medicare and other health insurance options? CHOICES (Connecticut Health insurance assistance, Outreach, Information and referral, Counseling, and Eligibility Screening) is an information source for services available to people 60 and older, and those with disabilities. CHOICES can also provide referrals to state agencies for particular service needs. For information about your Medicare and health insurance coverage, call a counselor at 800-994-9422.

RENTERS' REBATE PROGRAM

If you are elderly or disabled, you may be eligible to participate in the Renter's Rebate Program provided your income does not exceed certain limits. Based on income, the amount of your rent and utility payments (excluding telephone), the rebate can be up to \$900 for married couples or \$700 for single persons. Depending on where you live, you may apply at the local social service agency or Assessor's Office between April 1st and October 1st. For more information, please call the Renters' Rebate Program Hotline at 860-418-6377.

OFFICE OF ADVOCACY AND ASSISTANCE FOR VETERANS

The Office of Advocacy and Assistance (866-928-8387) helps veterans, as well as their eligible dependents, to obtain benefits available under federal, state and local laws. Based on legislation passed a couple years ago the legislature also established a Veterans Service Contact with each town. For more information, please contact your local town hall.

Rep. Brycki speaks to a group from the Eastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce on their visit to the State Capitol.



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