



A BALANCED BUDGET *for* CONNECTICUT

On Time and On Target

By working hard and reaching across party lines to create a compromise, we were able to balance this year's state budget with:

- » No tax increases
- » No cuts in municipal aid or education funding (ECS)
- » Maintained funding for hospitals, schools, libraries, and courthouses
- » Funding for dental care and prescriptions for seniors and the disabled
- » Lower co-pays for home care services
- » A \$500 individual property tax credit to help offset local property taxes
- » Guaranteeing an average 60% reduction to a fee on your electric bill

*We erased a \$10 billion deficit,
balancing the budget on time and on target.*

Waterbury Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Aid	
PILOT: State Owned Property	\$4,130,420
PILOT: Colleges & Hospitals	\$6,790,092
Town Aid Roads	\$539,308
Local Capital Improvement Program	\$1,153,976
Pequot/Mohegan Aid	\$3,012,162
Adult Education	\$2,197,225
School Transportation*	\$2,724,673
Education Cost Sharing	\$113,617,182
Total State Funds to Waterbury	\$134,165,038

*includes \$940,080 to be set aside for special education

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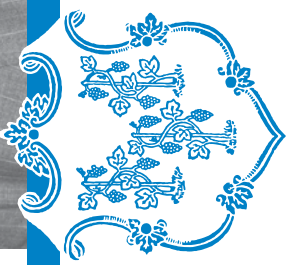


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Good News for Seniors

- » Reduced seniors' cost-share for the state-funded Home Care Program for Elders from 15% to 6% – saving up to \$240 per month
- » Re-opened the Alzheimer's Respite Care Program that provides up to 30 days of respite care relief to family caregivers
- » Made it easier for seniors to qualify for automobile insurance discounts by completing a shorter, 4-hour, driver-safety course
- » Protected seniors' assets when a spouse enters a nursing home under Medicaid

Saluting Our Veterans

- » Veterans in nursing homes can now use the VA as their pharmacy, saving money for veterans and taxpayers
- » Honorably discharged retired veterans with 30 years or more of service can now apply for "retirement promotions" and move up one grade in rank
- » Active duty service members out of state will get an extension for 30 days to renew their expired driver's licenses after their return to Connecticut
- » March 30th is now designated as the official Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Commemoration Day
- » Veterans can now use their military service experience and training as academic credit for certain technical certificates and licenses

Protecting Families Responding to domestic violence in our communities

The legislature made the most sweeping reforms to our domestic violence laws in the past 25 years, which will empower educators, service providers, law enforcement officers and survivors with new tools that make:

- » Improvements to educator training and the enforcement of protective orders
- » Employment and housing protections
- » GPS monitoring for high risk offenders
- » Additional domestic violence court dockets
- » Increased staffing at 24-hour emergency shelters

CT Homeowners Protecting Homeowners in Tough Times

The state's foreclosure mediation program prohibits banks from continuing to charge homeowners late fees if the bank does not show up for mediation sessions or arrives unprepared.

The mediation program is paid through the state Department of Banking and we are now extending it until 2012.

Safer Sports Student Athletes & Concussions

Head injuries in school sports are often hard to diagnose and have too often turned tragic.

To avoid serious long-term injuries we enacted the following new protections:

- » Student athletes who sustain head injuries will need medical clearance before rejoining athletic activity
- » Athletic coaches will now be trained to recognize and respond to concussions
- » Anyone with a coach's permit issued by the Connecticut State Board of Education will need to complete a course by the start of their sports season next school year
- » The state can revoke a permit if any requirements are not followed

Help for Families Hit by the Recession

The recession has put tens of thousands of Connecticut children at risk of falling into poverty. We responded by becoming the first state in the nation to pass a law designed to meet the most pressing needs facing children and their families.

The legislation:

- » Works to improve hunger, housing and employment services needed by children and families in an economic crisis
- » Creates a state leadership team to respond to children's issues when Connecticut's unemployment rate hits 8 percent
- » Seeks to ensure that Connecticut takes advantage of all available federal dollars
- » Seeks to make government more efficient, cost effective and customer friendly for children and families during tough economic times
- » Helps families in the Care4Kids program by changing restrictive rules so that parents can get back into the workforce

Social Services Maximizing Federal Dollars

To increase the amount of federal funding that comes to Connecticut to provide programs for those in need, we passed a bill that will match federal money with private sector funding. Millions of federal dollars under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Emergency Contingency Fund (TANF) will be available to social service non-profits who also receive private dollars. The money will be disbursed through the state's Office of Policy and Management.



Representative Butler receives the 2010 Connecticut Community Development Association's Legislator of the Year Award from CCDA President Thomas Ivers and Diane Toolan of the Waterbury Development Corporation.

Creating Jobs Number One Priority – Dig Out of the Recession

Working with the Governor, we passed a significant new jobs bill that will help put Connecticut on the road to economic recovery with:

- » Up to \$500,000 in loans and lines of credit for small businesses and non profits
- » Student loan reimbursement for careers in new and emerging fields
- » Income tax credits for investments in new technology businesses
- » Sales tax exemptions for machinery, supplies and fuel in renewable energy industries
- » Tax credits for small businesses of up to \$200 per month per new employee
- » Up to \$150,000 in pre-seed financing and technical services to businesses developing innovative concepts
- » Streamlined environmental rules to speed up business permitting process

Crime Giving Towns A Voice in Placements of Sex Offenders

New restrictions limit where state sex offender facilities can be located. Prior to construction, state agencies must now consider the proximity to schools, roads, daycare centers, and other criteria. Contractors must also specify five potential locations in their proposals.

Waterbury Saves by Working Together Saving on School Busing

Every town in Connecticut can now save money on their school transportation costs.

- » A new grant is available for boards of education from multiple towns that work together to provide transportation services
- » This will be new money coming into the Waterbury school system

Saving on Health Insurance

Cities and towns can now save money on health insurance costs.

- » Two or more towns or boards of education can join together to purchase health care benefits at lower costs
- » A larger group size can achieve lower premiums, better benefits for employees and more bargaining power for towns

Lower-Cost Drugs

- » Municipalities can now take advantage of lower-cost prescription drugs through state discounts
- » The bargaining power, low administrative costs, and discounts negotiated by the state will save cities and towns money

