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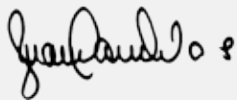
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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I want to thank you for your support and for allowing me the privilege of representing you in the Connecticut General Assembly. I am working hard this session on several initiatives to make Connecticut more affordable and a better place to live, work, and raise a family. My priorities this year include: fixing our roads, improving education, reducing property taxes, supporting small businesses and job creation, and improving public safety.

Please keep in touch and contact me with issues, concerns or suggestions as to how I can more effectively serve you. Your input will help me make our community an even better place to live and work. You can call me at the office at 860-240-1376 or email me at Juan.Candelaria@cga.ct.gov. If you have not completed my constituent survey please visit my website www.housedems.ct.gov/Candelaria. Its important for me to know your thoughts on the issues that affect our community.

Sincerely,



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THE BUDGET

Budget negotiations are ongoing and there has been some progress. Recent revenue projections came in lower than expected and forced us to review our proposed budget numbers. All parties have presented new plans and there has been agreement on several key issues. The next step is to expand on what we agree upon and come up with a final proposal to close the budget deficit and initiate ongoing policies that lead to a sustainable and reasonable revenue picture going forward. It won't be easy -- but our job is to do what's best for all of Connecticut.

EL PRESUPUESTO

Las negociaciones presupuestarias están en curso y ha habido algunos avances. Las proyecciones de ingresos recientes fueron inferiores a las esperadas y nos obligaron a revisar los números de nuestro presupuesto propuesto. Todas las partes han presentado nuevos planes y se ha llegado a un acuerdo sobre varias cuestiones clave. El siguiente paso es ampliar lo que estamos de acuerdo y llegar a una propuesta final para cerrar el déficit presupuestario e iniciar políticas en curso que conducen a una imagen de ingresos sostenible y razonable en el futuro. No será fácil, pero nuestro trabajo es hacer lo mejor para Connecticut.



MAKING CT MORE AFFORDABLE FOR SENIORS

Many retirees in Connecticut struggle with the rising cost of living. Stretching a fixed income to cover day-to-day expenses and ever-increasing costs for medical care, often proves impossible. As I promised, I have introduced a House Bill to help ease the tax burden on seniors. The legislation will exempt residents 62 and older, and who are receiving Social Security benefits, from the state income tax. Only 13 states besides Connecticut tax Social Security payments. It is time we catch up with the rest of the U.S.

HACIENDO CT MÁS ASEQUIBLE PARA LAS PERSONAS MAYORES

Muchos jubilados en Connecticut luchan con el creciente costo de vida. Estirar un ingreso fijo para cubrir los gastos cotidianos y los costos cada vez mayores de la atención médica, a menudo resulta imposible. Como prometí, he presentado el Proyecto de Ley a la Cámara de Representantes para ayudar a aliviar la carga tributaria sobre los ancianos. La legislación exonerará a los residentes de 62 años de edad y mayores, y que están recibiendo beneficios del Seguro Social, del impuesto estatal sobre la renta. Sólo 13 estados además de Connecticut imponen los pagos del Seguro Social. Es hora de que nos pongamos al día con el resto de los EE.UU.

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