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The 2017 Legislative Session is now underway. I wanted to take the time to highlight for you some of the legislation that I have introduced this year. If you like these proposals, please consider voicing your support to help me get them passed into law. These are only a few of the bills I have proposed. To see the full list, please go to <https://goo.gl/bvXBV6>

I want to thank you for your support and for allowing me the privilege of representing you in the Connecticut General Assembly. 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.

Sincerely,



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## BILL ON PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES' TAX RETURNS

I have introduced HB 6574, "An Act Concerning Disclosure of Presidential Candidates' Tax Returns" which has been referred to the Government Administration and Elections Committee (GAE) for consideration. The public's access to a presidential candidate's tax returns is essential to being able to evaluate that candidate's worthiness to the highest office in the nation, and passing this measure in Connecticut could be a model for the nation. This is not a partisan issue and if you agree, I urge you to contact the GAE committee at (860) 240-0480.

## BILL TO STOP DOT TREE REMOVAL

A bill that I have co-introduced, HB 6123, to rein in the tree removal work that the state Department of Transportation (DOT) has been doing on our state highways is moving forward to a public hearing in the Environment Committee and I would ask you to please contact the committee to support it at (860) 240-0440. This year, DOT intends to spend another \$2 million removing trees, without any concrete plan for the removal of debris and re-planting to prevent invasive species or ground erosion. This bill would require DOT to justify the work it is proposing before it is done, if it should be done at all.

## BILLS PROTECTING FAMILIES AND THE MIDDLE CLASS

Below are several bills I have proposed that will help families and the middle class in Connecticut. They have all been referred to the Labor and Public Employees Committee, which can be reached at (860) 240-0540.

- Increasing the Minimum Wage (HB 6456) - This bill would establish a minimum wage of \$15 per hour in our state.
- Pay Equity in the Workforce (HB 5591) - This bill requires employers to provide equal pay to employees in the same workplace.
- Creating a Paid Family and Medical Leave System (HB 6212) - This bill would create a system to compensate individuals who are out on family and medical leave.