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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Dear Neighbor,

Now that the 2017 Legislative Session is well under way, I want to share some thoughts with you.

The Speaker of the House has appointed me House Chair of the Environment Committee. I welcome the opportunity to address important environmental issues. I am also serving on the Public Health and Energy & Technology committees.

A top priority this year is legislation that will strengthen <u>Connecticut's economy</u>. The aim is to encourage small businesses to thrive, add good-paying jobs to the workforce, provide incentives for corporations to move here and expand, while developing a sustainable and predictable state budget.

I am closely monitoring several local issues, including the UConn Health Center Fire Department, the Farmington High School renovation project, the Route 4 improvement project, and the state budget, to make sure that Farmington's interests are protected.

Please call me at 860-240-1376 or email me at Mike.Demicco@cga.ct.gov.

Thank you.

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I am working on more than a dozen bills this year based on conversations I've had with you. For a complete list of bills please visit my website. Below are a few I've received the most feedback on:

- Make state services and our community accessible for persons with disabilities
- » HB 5515 calls for the installation of accessible ramps, power assist doors, elevators and bathrooms at state facilities.
- » HB 5564 would make medical diagnostic equipment accessible to persons with disabilities.
- Make sure our returning veterans have access to the skills they need to rejoin the workforce
- » HB 6969 would waive fees for veterans enrolled at public institutions of higher education in Connecticut.
- » HB 6970 would provide outreach and assistance to veterans enrolled at colleges and universities in Connecticut.
- Make sure Connecticut is affordable
- » HB 5586 would allow for up to five years a personal income tax credit to residents earning a higher education degree from a college or university in Connecticut or elsewhere and who are employed in Connecticut.
- » HB 5587 would exempt Social Security benefits from the personal income tax for beneficiaries age 62 or older.

For additional community support services call 2-1-1 / (800) 203-1234 or visit www.211ct.org

SERVICES FOR THE DISABLED

FAVARH	860-693-6662	www.favarh.org
Dept. of Developmental Services	860-418-6000	www.ct.gov/dds
Commission Deaf/Hearing Impaired	860-697-3560	www.dhoh.ct.gov
The Arc of Connecticut	203-514-3028	www.thearcct.org
CCARC, Inc.	860-229-6665	www.ccarc.com

SERVICES FOR ENERGY & HEAT

Eversource Payment Options	800-286-2000	www.eversource.com
CNG Matching Payment Plan	860-727-3000	www.cngcorp.com
Operation Fuel	860-243-2345	www.operationfuel.org

SERVICES FOR EDUCATION

CT Department of Education	860-713-6543	www.sde.ct.gov
Farmington Public Schools	860-673-8270	www.fpsct.org
CT Parent Advocacy Center	860-739-3089	www.cpacinc.org

SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY

Farmington Social Services	860-675-2390	www.farmington-ct.org
AARP	888-687-2277	www.aarp.org/ct
Leading Age CT	203-678-4477	www.leadingagect.org