



Rep. Dillon and Sen. Harp toured some damaged homes on Beverly Rd. with Erik Johnson of New Haven LCI, a state official from Dept. of Economic and Community Development, and other officials and staff.

Bonding Update

Beverly Hills: After funding to repair some cracked foundations in Beverly Hills was amended to divert our dollars to Woodbridge, I succeeded this year in amending it yet again to guarantee funds for New Haven. Next step: city and state cooperation to plan and fix these homes. Sen. Toni Harp and I are working with state and locals to begin inspection and repair.

Westville Village: Part of job creation involves infrastructure. I authored legislation to promote foot traffic to retailers, and walkability and safety for Westville Village. The community turned out for the public hearing. Video of that hearing can be viewed here: www.housedems.ct.gov/Dillon. I am working with legislative leaders and the executive branch to get this proposal on the Bond Commission agenda.

STATE DOLLARS BACK TO NEW HAVEN
FY 2012-2013 Aid Estimates

PILOT: State Owned Property	\$4,840,984
PILOT: Colleges & Hospitals	\$37,557,507
Town Aid Roads	\$605,470
Local Capital Improvement Program	\$1,754,365
Manufacturing Transition Grant	\$1,175,481
Municipal Revenue Sharing	\$4,076,385
Pequot/Mohegan Aid	\$6,876,864
Adult Education	\$3,038,873
School Transportation	\$2,200,659
Educational Cost Sharing	\$146,351,428
Total State Funds to New Haven & the 92nd District	\$208,478,016

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Dear friends and neighbors,

Since my last yearly report to you, our economy and our resilience have been tested, and the pace of work at the Capitol continued. I've identified here issues specific to our area, and some where you demonstrated activism and leadership.

Two storms cost some their homes and jobs, and confirmed the power of social media. Many of you reported outages and downed trees to me, and I sent daily - sometimes hourly - reports to our emergency center for action. Your activism was essential for the safety of all, especially seniors.

Our economy was battered not only by nature, but events in Europe that hurt the stock market and thus our own state revenues. Yet we protected the safety net and continue work to create jobs, and to support working families and the vulnerable. To paraphrase famed preacher C.L. Franklin, we have been through the valley, and we are on higher ground.

Our work in Hartford matters. But your own work in the community leads the way. New Haven leads on access to nutritious food and improving education. On a neighborhood level, your own efforts - such as West River's "No Entry" initiative and Westville Village's Artwalk - improve the quality of life for all of us.

Much has been done, and much remains. Building community takes leadership and teamwork.

Thank you

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Jobs legislation during special session

- Funded the Youth Employment Summer Jobs program, adult evening education, the Small Business Express Program, "Connecticut Made" to promote local products, and "Connecticut Treasures" to promote our cultural, educational and historic attractions.
- Established the Unemployed Armed Forces Member STEP-UP (Subsidized Training and Employment Program) to subsidize the cost of the first 180 days of hiring unemployed veterans.

Medicare Co-pay Relief For Seniors

I was proud to cosponsor legislation which ensured that thousands of seniors and people with disabilities would still be eligible for the Medicare Savings Program (MSP) to help pay Medicare co-pays and deductibles. This legislation raised the eligibility income limit to adjust for a 3.6% Social Security cost of living. It would have been unfair if a welcome increase in Social Security made some seniors ineligible for other benefits.



Rep. Dillon was honored to join Sam Kaplowitz at the Westville Synagogue on his 100th birthday. Sam was at Omaha Beach, among other historic battles. A long life and a good life.

To receive more information on any of the following issues, please contact me.

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West River reading group: Rep Pat Dillon looks on as Jerry Poole reads to neighborhood youth at West River Violence Reduction Kickoff pancake breakfast, April 28, 2012.

Education Reform

The legislature adopted sweeping education reform. The new law expands early childhood education, targets improving literacy for students by third grade, and provides intensive supports to turn around low performing schools.

These efforts are critical for our young people. As the research tells us, the sad outlook for low-performing students is reflected in the high incidence of reading difficulties among the prison population. Some states even estimate future prison populations based on third-grade reading scores. We must improve reading - there is too much at stake.

Judiciary Matters

Some returning military with substance abuse or psychiatric issues stemming from their experience in combat are arrested for behavioral issues. I cosponsored legislation making returning soldiers eligible for pretrial diversion and accelerated rehabilitation, and helped to get the bill out of Judiciary Committee despite a tight deadline. The measure saves taxpayers over \$1 million and helps get soldiers with PTSD the help they need. It was suggested to us by New Haven area advocates for the military.

I also cosponsored legislation which repeals the death penalty and replaces it with life imprisonment.



Hospital Merger

I testified before the Office of Health Care Access in support of the merger of St Raphael's and Yale New Haven Hospital. Freestanding hospitals like St Raphael's that rely on Medicare are endangered by pressures from Washington to reduce in-hospital costs.

A merger is the best hope for preserving health access and jobs at a critical anchor of stability for the Dwight neighborhood.

Rep Dillon confers with constituent Andy Orefice before testifying in support of merging St Raphael's with Yale New Haven Hospital at the public hearing.

Restoring Dollars for New Haven Arts

The Executive budget wiped out funds for Westville Village Renaissance (WVRA), the Shubert, the Arts and Ideas Festival, and the Arts Council. With 400 jobs in that corridor, support for WVRA is important for economic development. The Arts Council and Arts and Ideas Festival are critical components of our economy and tourism.

My long involvement with the Shubert began as budget chair of the Board of Aldermen. We determined then that restoring the Shubert was one of the keys to a vibrant downtown - and we were right. We restored funding for all of these programs in the Appropriations budget.

Access to Higher Education

The Governor's budget slashed tuition support for Connecticut students who attend Connecticut private colleges by 30%, harming many New Haven students who attend Fairfield, Albertus, and other schools. We restored \$4.8 million to continue access to local colleges.



Rep. Dillon with Bonnie Myers Pachesa, retiring principal of Edgewood School, at a dinner celebrating Edgewood's 100th anniversary.

Nutrition Advocacy

Many seniors and underemployed rely on nutrition support programs for basic needs. I worked with advocates to continue state funded nutrition support programs, helped with Thanksgiving turkeys at the Food Bank, and supported efforts by the public school based food program and a local supermarket to promote healthy breakfasts.

As food prices rise and incomes are under pressure, more is needed - and our own community is leading the way.



Arts pioneer Thea Buxbaum was honored by the Greater New Haven Arts Council. — Rep Dillon with Thea Buxbaum at New Haven Lawn Club.

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