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Patricia Dillon

Dillon Secures Dollars for New Haven School Construction an Issue

The state reimburses towns for the cost of local school construction, but sometimes in ways that seem arbitrary. Rather than reforming the system, they have adopted a “case by case” system of telling towns to seek waivers for specific projects. Such locally incurred school construction costs that are not reimbursed - or “ineligible” - are an ongoing issue that burdens our city budget, and New Haven property taxpayers, with debt.

This year, New Haven delegation members secured reimbursement for a total of \$74.3 million in “ineligible” costs. The sections I authored, totaling about \$11 million, sought costs denied for school projects that had been delayed by litigation since litigation was outside the control of the city.



Representative Dillon discussing policy with Susan Weisselberg Chief of Wraparound Services for New Haven Public Schools at New Haven Day at the State Capitol this year.

New Haven Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Aid Estimates	
Adult Education	\$2,937,473
Colleges and Hospitals PILOT	\$38,569,077
DECD Tax Abatement	\$150,665
Education Cost Sharing	\$150,438,559
LoCIP	\$1,724,309
MRSA Payments	\$1,287,658
Non-Public School Transportation	\$200,621
Pequot/Mohegan Grant	\$7,406,443
Priority School Districts	\$6,165,985
Public School Transportation	\$1,894,745
State Owned PILOT	\$5,338,632
Town Aid Road	\$1,248,685
Vocational Agriculture	\$1,022,914
Total State Funds to New Haven & the 92nd District	\$218,385,766

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CAPITOL UPDATE 2013

Dear friends and neighbors,

This session, no hurricanes tested our resolve. Instead it was a human being with a deadly weapon.

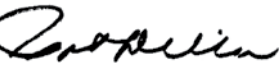
Our work was demanding and in three parts: December 2012 special session, interim session prompted by events at Newtown - reported separately - and our full regular session.

Nonetheless, it was one of my most productive sessions, thanks to your input and teamwork in Hartford. Despite budget pressure, I advanced earlier proposals and also responded to emerging issues.

This holiday season, approximately 424,000 residents of Connecticut will have their food benefits reduced, and Congress plans to cut more. Our food pantries and soup kitchens will be strained at the end of each month.

I am grateful for our blessings, and trust we will rise to the occasion to aid the least among us.

Best,



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Improving Health through the “Built Environment”

Our health and well-being are affected by the quality of life where we live and work. This year I successfully authored measures and worked with you on specific issues that directly affect our safety and health.

Traffic Calming for Westville Village Approved



The Bond Commission approved my request for dollars for traffic calming in Westville Village to improve walkability, safety, and access to local businesses.

Pictured is Gabriel DaSilva, major proponent of the measure, who testified on the legislation at the Capitol in February of 2012.

Representative Dillon Hikes Dirt Bike Penalties

Alarmed at the dangers on our streets and the injury to a young constituent, I filed PA 13-154 to increase penalties for illegal use of dirt bikes on public roads. Governor Malloy signed the legislation in June, and in September the Board of Alders adopted stiffer penalties. Penalties are not the only tool - enforcement is key - but stiff penalties can make streets safer.

Genetically Modified Food

I cosponsored HB 6519 requiring labeling of genetically modified food, and supported the compromise (PA 13-183) which phases in a labeling requirement triggered by action in neighboring states.

Preventing Transmission of West Nile Virus in West River

Because the most recent Connecticut death from West Nile virus occurred in West River, and the mosquito population has been high for several years, I authored legislation to reduce West Nile virus there. It requires the commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection with the Public Health commissioner and our local health department to survey land for mosquitoes, enforce a ban on standing water, and encourage public outreach programs on standing water risks and West Nile virus symptoms. PA 13-19



Representative Dillon with John Champion of CT Fund for the Environment on Estuary Day.

Jobs and the Economy

Increase in Minimum Wage

I cosponsored PA 13-117, which increases the hourly minimum wage from \$8.25 to \$8.70 on January 1, 2014 and from \$8.70 to \$9 on January 1, 2015.



Representative Dillon and Jeanette Sykes at a luncheon honoring Rosa Parks on her 100th birthday.

Glass Repair Bill

When big insurance was steering glass repair work to its own subsidiaries at the expense of New Haven businesses, I filed legislation and worked with New Haven delegation members to protect New Haven jobs.

The law provides assurances about your right to choose where to have repair work done. Big insurance is challenging the law in court. PA 13-57, effective January 1, 2014.



Representative Dillon pauses with Alderwoman Evette Hamilton at the dedication of the new basketball court for Amistad School in Dwight.

Apprenticeships for Youth

Our budget funded \$750,000 in new dollars to New Haven to be used for employment training and 'work-learn' internships for youth. The dollars will be distributed through a competitive process.

Arts and the New Haven Economy



Representative Dillon congratulates Carol Ross, honored by the Greater New Haven Arts Council for her dedication to the arts and work on the capital campaign for Neighborhood Music School. Carol's efforts resulted in code improvements that added access for younger children, and an improved performance space.

Shubert Bonding Approved

The arts have value, but also play a vital role in our local economy. With the 100th anniversary of the Shubert I filed legislation for improvements. Reviving the Shubert was a key to reviving downtown; bookings rose at area hotels, and restaurants filled up. The Shubert also now works with the nearby Cooperative Arts Magnet. Although I got the ball rolling in committee, Governor Malloy's office took a hands on role, providing \$4 million on the Bond Commission.



Representative Dillon speaking to a representative from the Shubert at New Haven Day at the Capitol.

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In The News

Sinking Houses Repair on Track

Representative Dillon, Carla Weil of the Greater New Haven Loan Fund, and Erik Johnson of LCI of the city of New Haven held a briefing for affected residents about the application process for dollars allocated to relief of damage to foundations due to subsidence. Carla Weil is pictured behind Representative Dillon.



Dia de la Comunidad



Representative Dillon shown speaking at Dia de la Comunidad, has long fought for translators and culturally sensitive services. Spanish speaking residents of New Haven come from many countries. As chair of the Health subcommittee on Appropriations, she supported expansion of Latino mental health services. Shown here with Luis Miguel Añez, Director of Hispanic Services at CT Mental Health Center.

Liberty Community Services Honors Representative Dillon

Representative Pat Dillon was honored by Liberty Community Services during their 25th anniversary celebration for securing state funding for their housing back in the days when “supportive housing” was a pioneering, untried, concept. Shown here with John Bradley, Director of Liberty Community Services.



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