

Dear Neighbor,

I'd like to extend my thanks to the voters of the 116<sup>th</sup> District for giving me the opportunity to continue to serve you in the State Assembly. It is a privilege and honor to do so, and I renew my commitment to represent your interests in Hartford to the best of my abilities.

This promises to be a most challenging year for all of us. The worldwide economic crisis is having a dramatic impact on our state, on our cities and towns, and on each of us. Our job is to work cooperatively, imaginatively and purposefully to improve the lives of all of our citizens. This means making difficult decisions to balance the budget, but also maintaining critical investments in our economy and our future – investments in jobs, public health, energy efficiency, the environment and funding our municipalities.

To be effective, I need to hear from you. Let me know your thoughts on issues, your concerns, and your ideas for the best solutions to our challenges. Please call me at 800.842.8267 or write me at [Lou.Esposito@cga.ct.gov](mailto:Lou.Esposito@cga.ct.gov) so that together we can build a better West Haven and a better State of Connecticut for all of us.

I look forward to working with you .

Sincerely,



**Louis P. Esposito, Jr.**  
State Representative



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## 2009 Legislative Preview

### Health Care

- Expanding the state's health care plan to include municipal employees, small businesses, and non-profit organizations will produce cost savings and good health care to more people. It makes sense, and I am optimistic we can move this plan forward this year. While not a solution for all, nevertheless, it will yield a savings for some municipalities and hopefully reduce property taxes.

### Transportation Infrastructure and Mass Transit

- We look forward to the promise of significant federal funds for infrastructure projects from President Obama and Congress. We must use these and state dollars wisely to improve roads and bridges and to invest in mass transit. For too long our residents have had too few options for getting around our state. Improving existing infrastructure and expanding options for commuting will make Connecticut more competitive.

### Mortgage Foreclosure Assistance

- Connecticut has several assistance programs for individuals and families facing foreclosures. Programs range from mortgage modifications, delinquency repayment plans and direct mortgage assistance. Unfortunately, the criteria for qualification has prevented some from taking part in these programs. I will seek to expand the qualification guidelines so that more needy residents can qualify.

### Veterans

- Connecticut's veterans have given the greatest sacrifice so that we can continue to live in freedom. We must assist veterans in their transitions home through educational and job training assistance. It is vital to continue to aid our disabled veterans by providing them appropriate funding. Giving back to those who have given up so much for us continues to be a priority of the state legislature.

### Energy Assistance and Conservation Programs

- Rising utility costs have affected all of us. Connecticut has energy assistance programs that may help you cover energy costs or weatherization improvements. Please call Infoline at 2-1-1 for programs and guidelines. As your State Representative I will work to ensure that funding is continued for programs that provide assistance to residents.



Representative Esposito with Majority Leader Denise Merrill in Hartford.

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