

Dear Friend,

I'd like to extend my thanks to the voters of West Hartford for giving me the opportunity to continue to serve you in the General Assembly. It is a privilege and honor to do so as Chairman of the Education Committee. I renew my commitment to represent your interests to the best of my abilities.

This promises to be a 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 860.240.0420 or write me at [Andrew.Fleischmann@cga.ct.gov](mailto:Andrew.Fleischmann@cga.ct.gov) so that together we can build a better West Hartford and a better State of Connecticut for all of us.

I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

**Andrew M. Fleischmann**  
*State Representative*  
*18<sup>th</sup> District*



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## 2009 Legislative Issues

### Education

- Our schools need the necessary tools to produce a skilled workforce. We need to develop smart and innovative ideas to maintain funding to our school districts and special education while we reduce costs. We need to further examine best practices in magnet schools, charter schools, and Vanguard schools. Investing in our students today will create a skilled job and college-ready workforce that will brighten the state's economic future.

### Health Care

- Expanding the state's health care plan will allow everyone in the state access to quality, affordable health care coverage and save money for taxpayers and municipalities by bulk purchasing health insurance and prescription drugs. By improving and expanding state health care programs, like HUSKY, we can cover more of Connecticut's uninsured.

### Workforce Development

- Connecticut has been a national leader in new technologies and 'green' initiatives. We need to put Connecticut people to work in these important industries. Doing so will benefit Connecticut residents as well as our economy. With federal investment in infrastructure projects coming, we need to ensure that our workforce is available and ready to commence shovel-ready projects and put us on the right economic track.

### Budget

- Connecticut is facing one of the worst budget deficits in history. Streamlining government and making it more efficient can save money for our state and municipalities. Increased federal funding should stimulate our economy by creating new jobs, expanding state health care and unemployment programs, and solidifying our infrastructure. I will be working to align state initiatives with these federal efforts.

### Deficit Reduction

- In January and this month, I worked with other State Legislators to maintain a balanced state budget by cutting excess spending while avoiding layoffs and maintaining vital programs for housing, health care, energy assistance, and the environment.



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