



Closing the Academic Achievement Gap

It is a priority of the General Assembly to improve achievement outcomes for children of all income classes in Connecticut and to ensure that all children have opportunities for academic excellence. To that end, we passed legislation that:

- » Permits school boards with low-achieving schools to increase the number of sessions each year and the number of hours each day.
- » Provides for a summer reading program for kindergarten students, reading assessments of young students, and individual reading plans to improve literacy.
- » Creates a task force to develop a plan to help close the achievement gaps between racial, ethnic and socioeconomic groups and genders.
- » Allows a best practices literacy pilot study, and the distribution of model curricula in reading and mathematics for grades pre-kindergarten to four.
- » Provides professional development for teachers and develops culturally-relevant teaching methods for students whose primary language is not English
- » Develops strategies for students in danger of failing.

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Dear Neighbor,

As your State Representative, it is a privilege to serve as your voice at the State Capitol. During this year's regular session of the General Assembly, I heard from many of you and greatly appreciate and value your input.

This year the Legislature took decisive steps to help Connecticut turn the corner toward economic recovery and prosperity. New laws will create jobs, help cities and towns, protect needed services and improve the lives of hard-working families across the state.

Connecticut continues on the road to economic recovery. The job growth and fiscal improvements we've made during the recently concluded special session are significant and will continue to be areas of focus this coming legislative session which begins in February of 2012.

I remain committed to working with my colleagues in the legislature to build a leaner more efficient government while ensuring the protection of our most vulnerable citizens. With your input and continued support, I believe we can address the most pressing needs of our community.

I hope that you find this report informative. Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns as to these issues or any others facing our state. Together we can work to create a better future for our friends and families.

Sincerely,

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Making It Easier To Do Business

Currently, a business may start up as a partnership, LLC or other type of corporation. A new law makes it easier for businesses to convert to a different form as their needs evolve, assisting small and medium size businesses to compete more effectively as they grow.

Brownfield Remediation Creates Jobs

I co-sponsored a law that could be one of the most important job generators in Connecticut. We funded clean up and re-use of "brownfields"- contaminated and long abandoned properties that can be remediated and turned into productive and safe sites for economic development, open space or other public uses.

Protecting Homeowners from Foreclosure

New legislation provides several adjustments to the Foreclosure Mediation Program, which assists lenders and homeowners in negotiating an agreeable resolution to avoid a mortgage foreclosure.

This law also requires property owners in foreclosure to register with municipalities when the foreclosure process begins. This helps the town ensure that the property does not deteriorate from neglect, thereby protecting neighbors from blight.



A Balanced Budget

We crafted a balanced budget where spending cuts outweigh taxes two to one, and without borrowing for operating expenses. The state budget protects the middle class by increasing the millionaire's tax, maintaining a \$300 property tax credit and eliminating the proposed increase to the gas tax.

It ensures a leaner more efficient government by reducing the number of state agencies from 81 to 56. During our successful jobs special session, Connecticut created a climate to maintain, attract and create jobs. Encouraging small business growth, streamlining the regulatory environment, spurring innovation and entrepreneurship, targeting worker training to employer needs and other specific tools to promote economic development are all part of the approved legislation. To help small businesses grow, we cut the business entity tax in half, increased tax credits for new hires and targeted additional tax credits for hiring the unemployed, veterans and disabled workers.

Preventing Drunken Driving

Ignition interlock devices are required for repeat drunk driving offenders preventing them from starting their vehicle if their blood alcohol content (BAC) exceeds .08 percent.

Helping Domestic Violence Victims

Domestic violence laws have been strengthened, making it easier for victims to get a restraining order, giving law enforcement more tools to protect our community and improving access for victims to support services.

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Saluting Our Veterans

Veterans, along with their families, have sacrificed so much so we can enjoy our freedom and a democratic way of life.

Veterans' bills passed this session:

- » Expand the waiver of property tax interest for certain armed forces members in Iraq and Afghanistan
- » Waive the \$20 fee for one certified copy of a veteran's death certificate when requested by family
- » Create a one-stop website for services available for veterans
- » Provide disabled wartime veterans with free parking, admission, and boat access parking to state recreational areas
- » Offer veteran license plates to a member of the U. S. armed forces or his or her surviving spouse
- » Allow veteran status to be on a driver's license or identity card

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