



To my friends and neighbors:

With the extreme sadness of the Newtown tragedy weighing on everyone, the 2013 legislative session was both trying and rewarding.

In the spirit of bipartisanship, we passed the strongest gun violence prevention bill in the country along with several other landmark bills that will protect our children and address critical mental health issues while respecting the rights of law-abiding gun owners.

My colleagues and I also delivered on other top priorities: Passing a balanced budget that does not raise taxes and helps municipalities hold the line on property taxes while protecting investments in education, job growth and consumer protection.

I currently serve on three legislative committees that directly affect our town. I am the vice-chair of Planning and Development and also serve on the Judiciary and Regulation Review committees.

I hope this report is informative and I'm happy to answer any questions you have about issues facing our state or your family. Together we can create a better future for our families.

Sincerely,

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Rep. Fox meets with Stamford students in the House Chamber.

REQUIRING WORKING SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS IN CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS AT THE TIME THE TITLE IS TRANSFERRED

Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors have proven to save lives. The legislature took a step this year to make sure properties that are transferred during a sale are certified to be in compliance with new standards for the installation of smoke detectors and working CO detectors.

INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ON ROUTE 106 (COURTLAND AVENUE) AT U. S. ROUTE 1 (EAST MAIN STREET) AND HAMILTON AVENUE

The purpose of this project is to provide safety and traffic operational improvements to Route 106, between East Main Street and Hamilton Avenue in the City of Stamford. The present schedule indicates that the design will be completed in fall 2014, with construction anticipated to start in spring 2015, based on the availability of funding. Construction activities are anticipated to last approximately one year.



J. W. TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL



Renovation of the J.M. Wright Tech School continues, and in October a groundbreaking ceremony was held at the school. The construction project entails a complete renovation of the existing facility with new entrances in the north and south. After completion the facility will be approximately 200,000 square feet with 200 on site parking spaces. The school is scheduled to be open in the Fall, 2014 with a 9th Grade class of 144 students.

GLENBROOK TRAIN STATION

The State Bond Commission approved a \$1.6 million bond request for improvements to the Glenbrook Train Station. This funding will make a significant and positive impact on the daily lives of numerous members of our community who frequent the Glenbrook train station. A new canopy will complement the hard work being done by the Glenbrook Neighborhood Association and numerous Glenbrook businesses and residents striving to improve the quality of life for our neighbors.

The project includes the installation of the canopy and windscreens along with other improvements such as a staircase at the northern end of the platform. Other improvements include the installation of energy-saving lighting systems, and new power systems and backups. The project should be completed in May of 2014.



THE PENALTY FOR INTERFERING WITH AN OFFICER

I co-sponsored a law which increases the penalty for interfering with an officer from a class A misdemeanor to a class D felony when the interference causes another person's death or serious physical injury. The bill follows the case of a Stamford police officer, Troy Strauser, who was seriously injured in 2012, after falling 20 feet from a bridge abutment while chasing a robbery suspect. This law provides additional support and protection for police officers carrying out their duties.

UCONN CAMPUS EXPANSION PLAN

The Campus Expansion will be Connecticut's hub for innovative business digital media and certificate programs. The UConn expansion is part of Gov. Dannel Malloy's \$1.67 billion Next Generation Connecticut plan, a major program that has been endorsed by more than 100 businesses and aims to support major expansions across three of the university's campuses. The program is also expected to bring 4,050 permanent jobs to Connecticut. In October, UConn's Board of Trustees approved \$500,000 to explore repurposing its Washington Boulevard parking garage as housing. In addition to the housing, the university is moving forward with a large investment in its Stamford campus.

STAMFORD AID

Despite the difficulties surrounding our biennial budget I am proud to have not only maintained, but increased funding for Stamford. I was committed to preserving the safety net our community depends on while not introducing any tax increases. Below are the budget appropriations for Stamford.

Priority School Districts	\$2,800,825
PILOT: State Owned Property	\$1,273,723
PILOT: Colleges & Hospitals	\$1,908,074
Pequot/Mohegan Revenue Sharing	\$923,023
School Transportation	\$105,363
Local Capital Improvement Program	\$797,072
Town Aid for Roads	\$594,651
Public School Transportation	\$27,489
Adult Education	\$316,954
Education Cost Sharing	\$8,899,110
TOTAL STATE FUNDS TO STAMFORD	\$18,920,630
TOTAL STATE FUNDS TO STAMFORD IN 2013	\$17,646,284
INCREASE FUNDING FROM 2013-2014	\$1,274,346