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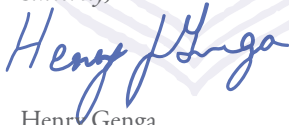
Thank you for the opportunity to serve you at the Capitol. It continues to be my distinct honor and privilege to represent you and do so this session as Assistant Majority Leader. I am pleased to announce that I have been appointed to serve on the Education, Energy & Technology, and Appropriations Committees of the Connecticut General Assembly. I am honored to be a member of the House Leadership team and I am truly pleased to bring this distinction to the Town of East Hartford.

This promises to be a most challenging year for all of us. The worldwide economic crisis is having a dramatic impact on our state, our cities and on each of us.

We have a tremendous opportunity to change the way we budget and govern. Our job is to work cooperatively, imaginatively and purposefully to improve the lives of all our citizens. This means making difficult decisions to balance the budget, but also to maintain critical investments in our economy and our future – in jobs, public health, education, energy efficiency, and funding our municipalities.

Your input is important to me and I look forward to hearing your thoughts on issues and your ideas for solutions to our challenges. Please call me at 860.240.8585 or email me at Henry.Genga@cga.ct.gov so that together we can build a better East Hartford and a better State of Connecticut for all of us.

Sincerely,



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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.

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 to put us on the right economic track.

Call the 211 Infoline

- Infoline is a toll-free help line that is available 24 hours a day.
- It’s the confidential, free and multilingual way to locate services in your area—legal assistance, child care services, elder care, energy assistance, suicide prevention, eligibility requirements for state programs, substance abuse, domestic violence, etc.
- Caseworkers are trained in crisis intervention.
- Infoline is not for emergency police, fire or medical assistance.

Budget

- Connecticut is facing one of the worst budget deficits in history. Streamlining government to make it more efficient can save money for our state and municipalities. Implementing accountability will require evaluating current programs and services for results and successes, and providing data to support increasing or eliminating funding. Maximizing our receipt of federal funding should stimulate our economy by creating new jobs, expanding state health care and unemployment programs, and solidifying our infrastructure.

Deficit Reduction

- In February, I worked with other state legislators to pass a plan that nearly eliminates the projected budget deficit for the current fiscal year through a series of cuts and other adjustments without any tax or fee increases, while protecting critical services and avoiding layoffs.



Representative Genga at the Legislative Office Building.

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