

A Balanced Budget

Working cooperatively with Governor Dannel Malloy, we crafted an historic budget to address the financial crisis brought on by the worst recession since the Great Depression. Our budget will stabilize the state’s finances, streamline state government and create jobs.

The 2011-2013 budget passed by the legislature and signed by Governor Malloy:

- » Cuts spending
- » Lowers taxes from the governor’s proposed budget
- » Protects the middle class
- » Restores the state property tax credit to \$300
- » Balances the budget without borrowing for operating expenses
- » Streamlines government by consolidating state agencies
- » Maximizes the use of federal funds
- » Increases the millionaire’s tax
- » Fairly distributes the income tax burden
- » Saves our vo-tech schools that teach the skills that put people to work
- » Reduces state agencies from 81 to 56

Creating Jobs

The Legislature made sure Connecticut was open for business by enacting laws that:

- » Encourage businesses to create jobs - a result of the First Five tax incentive program
- » Expand our reinvestments in manufacturing
- » Allow certain employees to earn paid time off when they or a family member is sick
- » Provide student loan reimbursements for green-tech degree holders after two years employment in the field
- » Create the Connecticut Airport Authority to run our airports as economic engines for the economy

At UConn, we’re building a world class bioscience research center that will support hundreds of temporary construction jobs and permanent bioscience jobs.

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## CAPITOL REPORT 2011

### Better Health Care Access & Affordability

Health care benefits are one of the largest expenses faced by individuals and employers. We combined two major health care reforms that protect and increase access to quality, affordable health care.

The Connecticut Health Care Partnership offers the state health insurance coverage to municipalities and to non-profit organizations. Taking advantage of the increased bargaining power and reduced administrative costs associated with the state plan will allow municipalities and non-profits to provide quality care at less cost. When municipalities save money on health care, those savings help property taxpayers.

In addition, better health care delivery will be attained for individuals and groups through a comprehensive plan that lays out a framework for a state-wide health care delivery system that also leverages the state health plan pool to contain costs and promote preventive care.



Rep. Genga with 4th grade school children in the House Chamber

### Saluting Our Veterans *Providing a better life to those who protect us*

Veterans, along with their families, have sacrificed so much so we can enjoy our freedom and a democratic way of life. Veterans returning from foreign engagements need to know that we appreciate what they do for us and that means passing legislation that helps them and their families.

Veterans' bills passed this session:

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

### Protecting the Lives of Connecticut's Children

We can't forget that children need our help in emergency situations, which is why we amended the state's civil preparedness plan to include day care centers and activities focusing on children and youth.

The bill requires:

- » Children's evacuation and removal to a safe location
- » Parents to be notified
- » Reunification of parents with their children
- » Care for children with special needs

### Getting Tough on School Bullying

In response to growing concerns over increasing acts of school bullying, we passed legislation that strengthens school bullying laws and requires all school employees to complete annual training programs dealing with the problem.

The bill makes the school principal responsible to investigate and address bullying and electronic cyber-bullying whether it occurs in or out-of-school.

### Connecticut's Energy Future

We helped lower energy costs and your electric rates - among the highest in the country - while moving the state toward clean and efficient energy. By creating the new Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), we now have a single state agency focused on energy issues. The bill seeks to help create industries, jobs and businesses necessary to support a clean energy economy for the future.

### State Funds to Cities and Towns Saved

My hard work and efforts were very productive. Under a new budget agreement, towns avoided the proposed elimination of their reimbursements from the state for the Manufacturing Machinery and Equipment Exemption Program. The program provides for a 100 percent exemption of local property taxes on qualified, newly acquired manufacturing machinery and equipment. The agreement preserves \$3.6 million of state revenue to the Town of East Hartford.

### Improving Safety

Out of concern for the safety of Central Avenue neighbors and other East Hartford residents, I authored legislation to protect our community from reckless drivers. I am confident this law will make our town safer. Under the law, a process will be created to suspend the licenses of unsafe drivers who commit certain multiple motor vehicle violations. I have been passionate about getting this bill enacted and I look forward to finding more ways to improve the quality of life for town residents.

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