

Dear Neighbor,

This year, we created a state budget that focused on preserving city and town budgets, increasing public education funding, and investing in transportation. Most people will see reductions in their car taxes and most municipalities will see increased funding through property tax reforms.

The new state budget also established long-term investments in transportation such as highways, buses and railways statewide. The improvements are needed to repair aging infrastructure such as bridges and support connections for commuters and businesses. Steps that will help our economy grow.

We aim to be competitive with neighboring states, especially with our business community. This year, we did this by continuing to fund a public education system and universities that produce highly skilled workers, and by keeping property taxes for businesses in check. Over the last few years, through the Small Business Express Program and economic development grants we have provided millions in funding loans to help retain and attract business.

I also wanted to let you know about some great news about recent job growth in Connecticut. Employers added more than 6,000 jobs in May and more than 24,000 jobs in the last year. Our unemployment rate has dropped to the lowest point in 7 years, and our labor force has grown to its largest size in almost 4 decades!

As always, please let me know if you have any questions by calling 860-240-8500 or emailing [Henry.Genga@cga.ct.gov](mailto:Henry.Genga@cga.ct.gov).

All the best,



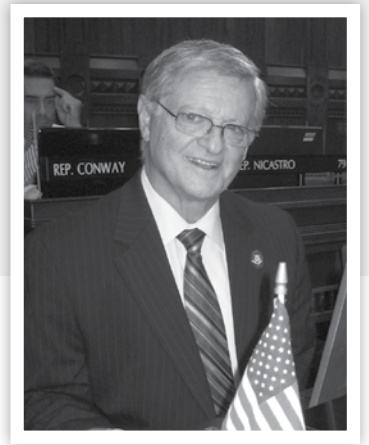
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# **TAX RELIEF, PROTECTING CRITICAL SERVICES, AND INVESTING IN CONNECTICUT'S FUTURE**

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## **TAX RELIEF**

- Increase state aid for our towns and cities, including additional funding for towns with tax-exempt properties, to help lower the local property tax burden
- East Hartford is estimated to receive an additional \$700,000 for 2016 and \$1.9 million for 2017 for general government aid. Due to my efforts and the other East Hartford legislators, we achieved a new policy that will result in an additional estimated \$915,000 for magnet school grants
- Car owners will see a significant reduction in the car tax beginning in 2016

## **INVESTING IN OUR ECONOMIC FUTURE**

- Reduce traffic and encourage economic growth by replacing and repairing aging roads and bridges, and investing in rail and other public transportation
- Keep taxes low for growing industries like data processing and computer services, and continuing the Research and Design tax credits

## **CRITICAL FUNDING PROTECTED**

- Protect essential funding that middle class families rely on, including for schools, libraries, before- and after-school programs, state parks, and mental health and developmental services

## **GREAT JOB GROWTH NEWS**

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- Private sector employers in Connecticut added more than 6,000 jobs in May and 2,600 in June
- Over the last year, those employers have added more than 26,000 jobs
- The unemployment rate has dropped to 5.7% - the lowest point in 7 years
- At almost 2 million workers, Connecticut's labor force is as large as it has been for almost 40 years

