

# 2013 Legislative Preview

As your State Representative, I want to thank you for your continued support. I look forward to continuing to serve as your voice at the State Capitol.

We are all facing difficult times as Connecticut turns the corner to economic recovery. I remain committed to working to bring a leaner more efficient government while ensuring the protection of our most vulnerable citizens and doing my best to keep essential services properly funded.

The 2013 Legislative Session is now underway. For this session, I have been appointed to chair the Environment Committee. Additionally, I will serve on the Commerce Committee and the Planning & Development Committee. I know that with your input and support, we can address the most pressing needs of our community.

Thank you for the honor of serving you.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy 2013!



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## Job Growth is Job #1

To keep Connecticut economically competitive with neighboring states, we must further support business growth and job creation. Attracting businesses, training workers and providing incentives for them to remain in the state translates into a healthier local economy and better job opportunities. Consolidating and increasing tax credits for new hires, investing in emerging technologies and providing more employment for our veterans have shown great success, but more needs to be done. Building a more educated workforce and a more business-friendly climate will allow Connecticut to thrive in the future.

## Protecting Services in the State Budget

The fiscal crisis that has affected many Connecticut families has also weakened the financial status of the state. I will be working to find cuts and savings in government programs without losing the safety net of services that Connecticut families depend upon.

## New State Wide Energy Strategy

Generating Connecticut's first state wide comprehensive energy strategy and examining the ever-rising utility costs for residents and businesses will be a top priority.

Better preparation and response to major storms, creating micro-power grids, planning for a potential billion dollar natural gas expansion and continuing the state's march to clean energy are issues to be worked on in the coming months.

