



State Representative

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By working hard and reaching across party lines to create a compromise, we were able to balance this year's state budget with:

- » No tax increases
- » No cuts in education funding or municipal aid
- » Maintained funding for hospitals, schools, libraries, and courthouses
- » Funding for prescriptions and dental care for seniors and the disabled
- » Lower co-pays for home care services by up to \$300/month (AARP endorsed)
- » A \$500 individual property tax credit to help offset local property taxes
- » A guarantee of an average 60% reduction to a fee on your electric bill
- » Reduced state park fees and fishing/hunting licenses

Compromising with Governor Rell, we balanced the state's budget – on time and without any tax increases. The budget contains no cuts in municipal aid that would have triggered property tax hikes.

This year's budget bill included \$163 million in additional spending cuts across a host of state agencies and a reduction of \$300 million from a previous borrowing plan.

Danbury Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Aid	
Educational Cost Sharing	\$22,857,956
Priority School Grant	\$2,782,608
PILOT: State Owned Property	\$2,430,217
PILOT: Colleges & Hospitals	\$1,497,916
Pequot/Mohegan Revenue Sharing	\$937,766
School Transportation	\$838,640
Local Capital Improvement Program	\$514,354
Town Aid Roads	\$421,296
Adult Education	\$201,429
Total State Funds to Danbury	\$32,482,181

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Bob debating legislation that will save taxpayer money.





Dear Neighbor,

This session has been quite the battle. I've followed your responses to my annual constituent survey and protected the services you rely on. I cut other spending. I protected your wallets and pocketbooks.

We all know that we're digging out of the Great Recession. The greed of Wall Street and banks plunged our economy into a downward spiral. Here in Connecticut we faced a devastating 27% drop in state revenue. You told me to protect essential services, and make up the revenue loss by having the rich, super-rich, and Wall Street bonus recipients contribute their fair share. Sadly, Governor Rell attacked those services, and vetoed those bills. I did my best to protect you and balance the budget on time.

I remain optimistic that the economy will rebound and jobs will be created. Even as this newsletter goes to print, our deficit has become a modest surplus because of the action we took, and unemployment is just beginning to drop. We've done more to help (which I'll report on soon), and need to do more (including modernizing and shrinking bureaucracy to save you money). But with a new governor and a reenergized legislature, I'm confident we can get the job done.

Thank you for the privilege of serving you.



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