

STATE REPRESENTATIVE
BOB GODFREY
DANBURY



Dear Neighbor,

Many things keep me awake at night, thinking about the issues, concerns, and problems you and our neighbors share with me.

And on top of these, I now must wrestle with the havoc coming out of Washington. Recent proposals could have a big impact on the lives of you, your families, and our neighbors.

I'm explaining just a few of the proposals that could hurt the people of our state and throw our budget even further out of balance.

As always, please keep in touch with your thoughts or questions on any issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Please sign up for my email list. That way I can keep you up to date on important issues . Please visit my website and sign up at www.housedems.ct.gov/Godfrey.

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EDUCATION

The federal budget proposal includes troubling cuts to programs that Danbury students rely on. \$25 million in federal funding to Connecticut for class-size reduction and teacher development efforts would be eliminated. Danbury has received almost \$300,000 from this program this fiscal year.

I strongly oppose federal cuts to vulnerable children. I will continue to advocate for a fairer state education funding system so that cities like Danbury receive the aid they deserve and need. Connecticut's courts have ruled that our current education cost sharing formula is unfair, and I agree. We must fix it.

ENVIRONMENT

The federal administration has proposed drastically slashing the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) budget, which would mean fewer protections for clean air and water.

Danbury residents have benefitted from EPA regulations through a cleaner Still River. Once heavily polluted, the river has made a great recovery.

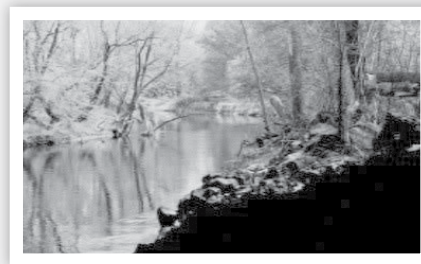
HEALTH CARE ACCESS

Recently the U.S. House of Representatives passed legislation to replace the federal health care law, the Affordable Care Act (ACA or Obamacare). Access Health CT, Connecticut's health insurance exchange, is reminding exchange members that they still have access to their regular health care coverage.

Currently, 7,055 Danbury residents – our neighbors – have health insurance through the ACA. If passed, the federal proposal could threaten the insurance coverage of people enrolled with Access Health CT or the expanded Medicaid program.

The proposal would cut \$880 billion in Medicaid funding for Connecticut, costs which it would likely be impossible for the state to cover.

*Danbury High School's
Freshman Academy currently
under construction.*



*A "quiet" water section of
the Still River as it passes
under Interstate 84, behind
Loews Theaters.*

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