



Job Growth is Job One

We've been fortunate in the Danbury labor market to have higher employment rates than just about any other part of the state. Our workforce is better trained and better able to fill the high tech, high skill, and professional jobs available here. Our public schools, vocational schools, and Western Connecticut State University are working closely with area employers to ensure there is a connection between education and jobs. They're terrific resources that I have pledged to support.

I've been happy to attend more than a few ground breakings and ribbon cuttings that mean both construction jobs and permanent jobs. That is a mark of a regional economy that's getting better.

But I've not been satisfied with merely watching. I've acted to jump-start more job growth and solve long-term problems. This newsletter reports on the bipartisan jobs initiative I supported recently. It included incentives for employers, new economic development tools, a streamlined permitting process, and more opportunities for workers to improve their skills.

Any business person interested in job growth assistance can call the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) at (860) 270-8000. And of course, don't hesitate to call me for any information on this or any other subject. I look forward to hearing from you.



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Small Business Express

Small business is the backbone of our economy. We helped them create jobs by making \$100 million available to grow small businesses with less than 50 employees through incentives, grants and loans and streamlined the application process to expedite assistance. In addition, we:

- » Expanded job creation tax credits to \$500, \$900 for hiring the unemployed, disabled or veterans
- » Provided \$10 million to manufacturers to train and hire employees
- » Invested \$20 million to remediate vacant brownfield property
- » Cut the business entity tax in half

Cutting Red Tape

We are helping businesses grow new jobs by streamlining and expediting government to:

- » Eliminate or consolidate burdensome state regulations
- » Approve certain economic development projects in 60 days
- » Conduct a performance analysis to improve government efficiency
- » Improve state information technology for businesses
- » Establish pre-permitting to clean and sell vacant property faster

Workforce Development

We increased training and education at vo-tech, community colleges and universities to meet the high-demand job needs of manufacturing and information technology employers through:

- » Enhancing manufacturing technology programs
- » Outreach to promote vo-techs, regional agricultural science and tech-ed centers
- » Matching employer needs to education curriculum
- » Subsidizing employers to train current workers
- » Studying current training programs and manufacturing needs

Contact (860) 263-6275 for more information

More On Jobs...

Additionally, the jobs bill:

- » Builds a “Fix it First Bridges” program
- » Grows the Farm Restoration Program
- » Creates incentives for investments in emerging technology
- » Builds innovation centers in key cities, including Danbury and invests in innovative ventures
- » Creates a second “First Five” program
- » Incentivizes business growth at Connecticut airports



Bob and Rep. Giegler took part in a groundbreaking for the Pilot Plan Replacement Building at the Boehringer Ingelheim campus.

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