



## I'M HERE TO HELP WITH...

*In this newsletter you will find important legislation that affects Stratford. Please let me know if you want further information or have any questions.*

### **BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**

Starting or expanding a current business?

### **HEALTHCARE COVERAGE**

Resolving concerns about healthcare, healthcare coverage or problems with your plans?

### **SENIOR ASSISTANCE**

Navigating available assistance programs for seniors?

### **TRANSPORTATION OR DMV ISSUES**

Resolving problems with the Department of Motor Vehicles?  
Finding information about construction projects?

### **VETERANS ASSISTANCE**

Connecting to health and mental services for veterans?  
Accessing other veterans benefits?

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## INCREASING ACCESS TO FINANCIAL AID FOR AVIATION STUDENTS IN STRATFORD

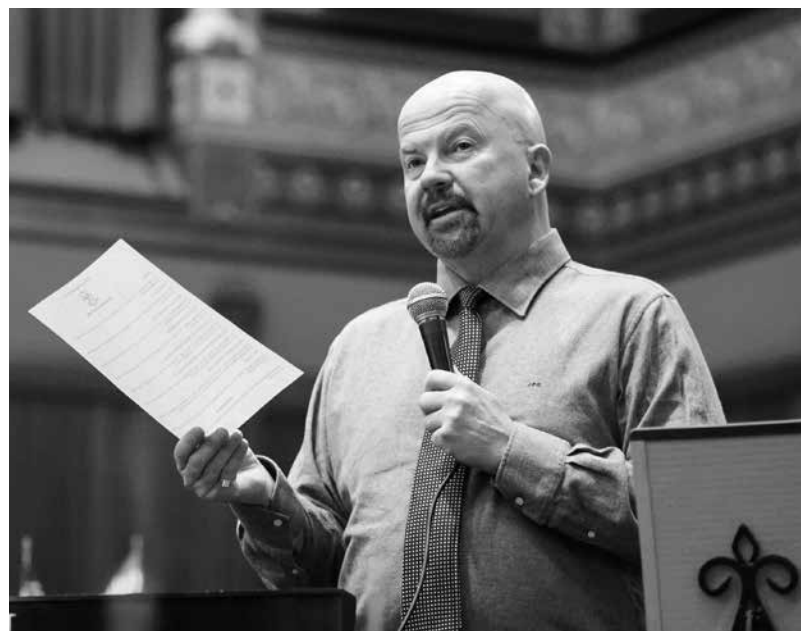
The General Assembly passed legislation to increase access to financial aid for students at the state's aviation maintenance programs including our Sikorsky Aviation School. The legislation classifies aviation maintenance programs as postsecondary education for purposes of maintaining students' eligibility for federal Pell grants. Increasing access to aid makes the programs offered more attractive and affordable for students. More students will be introduced to a field that is in high demand for skilled graduates. Of these students, 80% are from Connecticut and 80% of graduates stay in Connecticut after graduation.

## NEW LEGISLATION TO FIGHT OPIOID CRISIS

We passed new legislation to continue our fight against the opioid crisis. The legislation increases the ease in which people can dispose of unused prescriptions and establishes a marketing campaign on the opioid crisis and availability of overdose-reversal drugs like Narcan. It sets up a real-time online clearinghouse to identify available detox/recovery beds and other treatment programs and increases insurance coverage for detox programs. In addition it increases data sharing between state agencies regarding opioid abuse. This fight is ongoing and I'm happy to be in support of our efforts to mitigate the effects of this epidemic.

## IMPROVING HOW WE FUND TRANSPORTATION

The legislature approved a resolution that asks if you would like amend the state Constitution to require a lockbox for the Special Transportation Fund (STF). The STF lockbox would protect the money set aside for Connecticut's transportation infrastructure, making sure the funds are used properly for all future projects. It will now be up to you to decide the issue and if you vote "yes", it will be in the state constitution. We need to upgrade and modernize our state's transportation infrastructure system to expand and promote business, jobs, economic opportunity, and protect our quality of life.



## PRO-CONSUMER PHARMACY BILL PASSES

The legislature passed a bill that will eliminate restrictive clauses that prevented pharmacists from telling customers how to reduce drug costs. It also bans "claw back" provisions which result in consumers paying more than a prescription actually costs. This is a great step in protecting the rights of pharmacy patients.

## UPGRADES TO STERLING HOUSE

The entire Stratford legislative delegation worked hard to secure two large state grants for the Sterling House project. The grants (of \$1.2 million each) were important to getting shovels in the ground. The project includes the addition of an elevator and a new lobby and upgraded food pantry.

## ANGEL INVESTOR PROGRAM

The angel investor program is a bipartisan measure for helping more small businesses -- adding jobs to the workforce -- and growing the Connecticut economy.

This bill will help more start-ups and small businesses gain access to the capital they need to grow their business and create jobs in our state. Since its inception in 2010 the angel investment tax credit program has helped more than 100 businesses. This legislation that passed the legislature this year will build on those efforts.