

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

ANTONIO 'TONY' GUERRERA

PROUDLY SERVING THE 29TH DISTRICT

ROCKY HILL, NEWINGTON, WETHERSFIELD



Dear Neighbor:

I am pleased to share with you this update on the recently concluded legislative session. Each year brings a new set of challenges, and the 2014 session was no different. The need to encourage economic growth, help working families, and make critical investments in the future of our children, as well as our state, was clear.

One of my priorities was to make sure that there would be no cuts in state aid to cities and towns, especially the Educational Cost Sharing grant and the Town Aid for Roads program. In fact, Rocky Hill, Wethersfield, and Newington will receive an increase of \$444,264 in these programs during the next fiscal year.

Meeting these priorities while also adopting a balanced budget with no new taxes took a lot of hard work, but I am happy to report to you that my colleagues and I were able to achieve our goals.

Working in a bipartisan manner, we were able to increase funding for education and enable more children to attend pre-school. We also made additional investments in job creation programs such as STEP-UP, which encourages employers to hire veterans and the unemployed, and will help our economy grow.

Spurring more economic development was also a priority that we met by helping United Technologies Corp. upgrade and expand its aerospace research and manufacturing facilities across the state. This in turn will have a domino effect and help its suppliers and related businesses.

I hope you find the enclosed information helpful and will feel free to call or email me for any reason — legislative or otherwise. It is my pleasure and honor to serve as your state representative.

Sincerely,

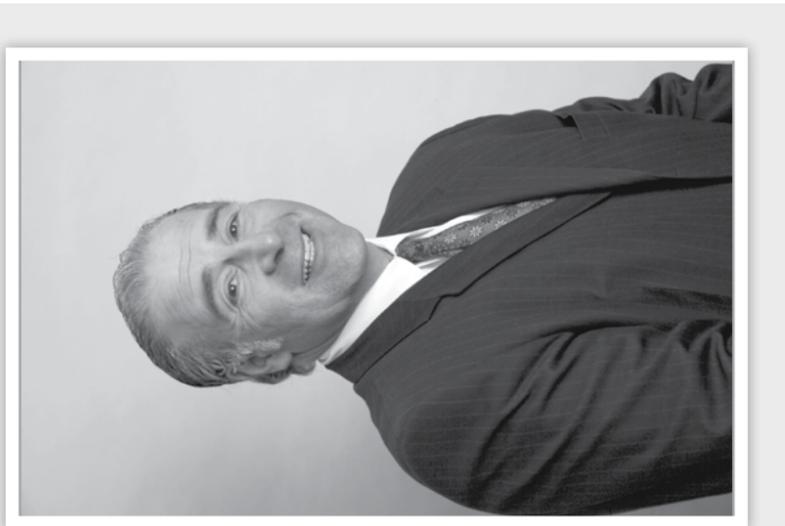
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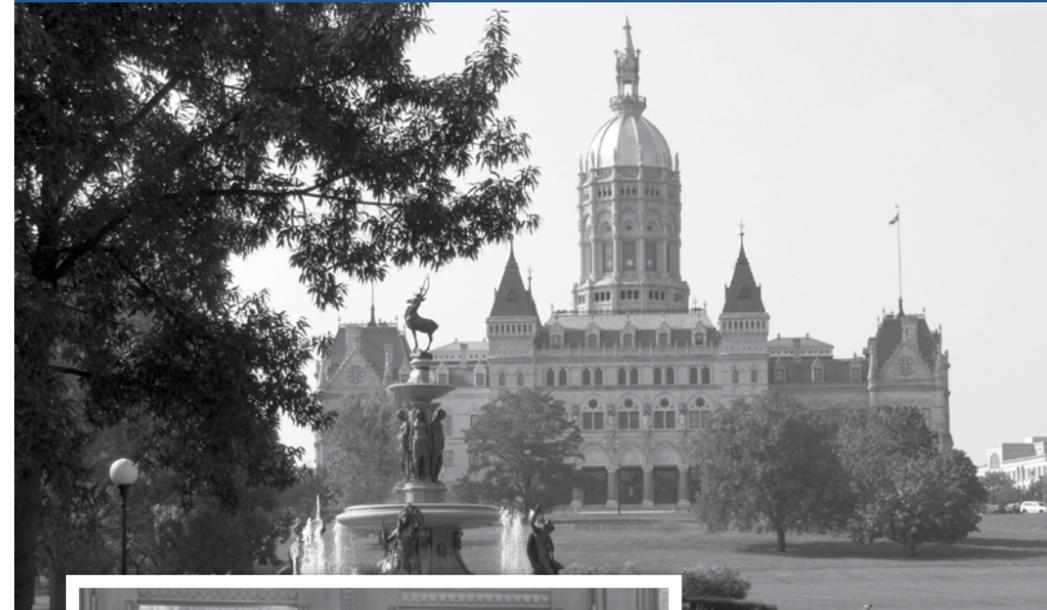
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Rep. Guerrero and the Rocky Hill United Boys Soccer Team

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PROTECTING CONNECTICUT ROADS

During this legislative session we made changes to the state's transportation laws including minimizing the damage to our roads and vehicles from winter wear. The Department of Transportation will conduct a study of chemical road treatments we currently use for snow removal from our roads and highways.



Rep. Guerra and staff

INCREASING TRADE

Connecticut's three deep-water ports have long been neglected and underutilized. This year we established a Connecticut Port Authority to improve our ports - increasing trade throughout our state, growing our maritime economy with newly created jobs, and reducing the strain and congestion on our roads and bridges. The Port Authority will take advantage of Connecticut's unique geographic position to offer niche services for freight shipping across the eastern US, and serve as an alternative to New York and Boston. This quasi-public agency will be fully operational in October 2015 and will promote commerce and thoughtful development along our major coastal areas.



Rep. Guerra at the new charging station at Alterra: Rocky Hill

JOBS & HOUSING FOR VETERANS

This session we worked to streamline the state licensing process for our job-seeking veterans. Connecticut veterans can now apply their military training toward occupational licenses, including public safety positions and a variety of trades. In addition, college credits can be awarded for specialty training and apprenticeship credits applied to specific trades.

We also worked on a Veterans' Opportunity pilot program which will utilize specialists in veterans' employment and homelessness to assist nonprofit agencies secure work and housing for our vets. At the state level, our Department of Labor will manage a statewide network of employment services for veterans and utilize federal grants to lower the number of homeless veterans in our state.

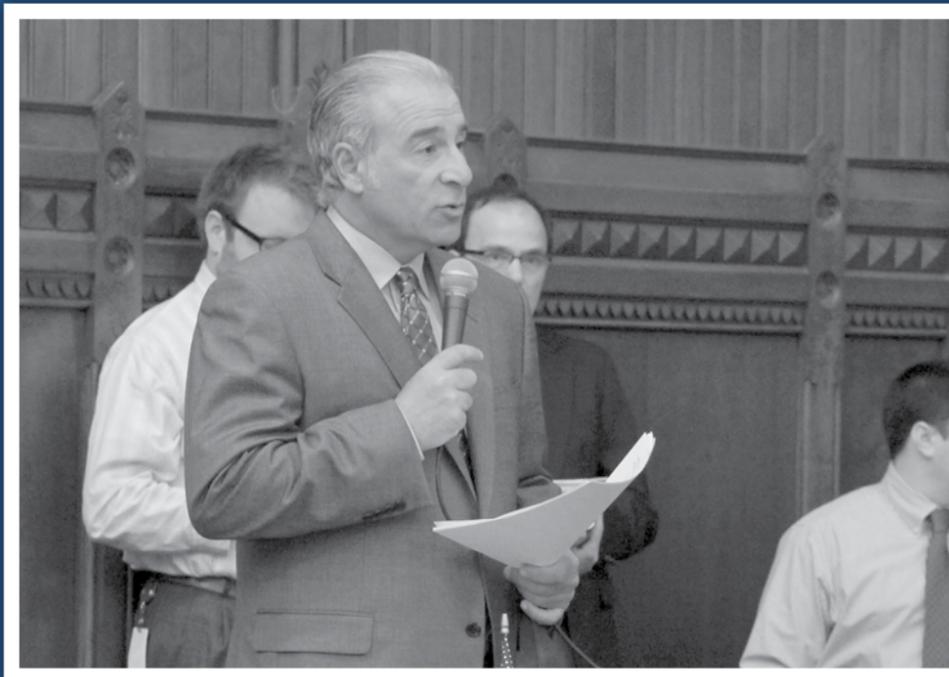


Rep. Guerra working on legislation with fellow legislators

CONNECTICUT TRANSPORTATION

As House Chairman of the Transportation Committee, we worked hard to secure needed funding in the hundreds-of-millions of dollars to maintain and improve the state's highways and bridges, to maintain state grants for Dial-a-Ride service for seniors in need of transportation assistance, and to fund commercial and retail upgrades along the Silas Deane Highway.

We fought to add stronger protections for those who use public roads. New legislation will impose a fine up to \$1,000 for motorists convicted of harming public road users such as pedestrians, bicyclists, skaters, persons using a wheelchair or motorized chair, blind persons or service animals.



Rep. Guerra brings out a transportation bill