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### Job Creation

The legislature is tackling one of its biggest challenges – finding ways to encourage job growth in the face of a slow economic recovery. With fewer resources for spurring business expansion and creating jobs, we are looking at measures where businesses can turn savings into jobs as well as creative new ways to attract business development.

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Working together, we can put Connecticut back to work again.

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#### THE COST OF ENERGY

Businesses and residents of Connecticut currently pay some of the highest energy rates in the country – a full 15 percent higher than any other New England state. We can't allow this to continue. That's why I'm supporting bills that will seek to reduce energy costs, help overburdened residents and give businesses additional capital that can be used to create and expand jobs.

### **JOBS THROUGH HEALTH CARE SAVINGS**

Last year's bill permitting municipalities to purchase prescription drug coverage through the state plan will save the City of Hartford \$1.8 million in annual employee prescription drug costs. The state will save \$6 million per year. To gain additional savings and provide people access to quality, affordable health care, new bills are being considered that would extend these opportunities for savings to small businesses and non-profits. The state could save tens of millions of dollars, small businesses can turn savings into jobs-producing investments, and municipalities can relieve pressure on local property taxes.

### **UCONN RESEARCH PARK**

A plan to jumpstart the long-planned research park on the University of Connecticut campus is in the works. The project will create jobs by establishing university-industry partnerships that will attract some of the nation's top scholars and scientists, federal and private investment and research divisions from some of the largest and most innovative companies in the world. The UConn Research Park is to be anchored by an Innovation Partnership Building that has the potential to add hundreds of jobs for eastern Connecticut residents. This year's plan includes investing in planning and design for the initial building and funding for infrastructure improvements that will occur as the University completes North Hillside Road.

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