

## PROTECTING STATE AID

As Mansfield's State Representative, I have made protecting municipal aid one of my top priorities.

While the General Assembly continues to craft a budget, I am pleased to report that the legislature is engaged in efforts to increase the amount of state aid provided to municipalities to help pay for local budgets and hold down property taxes.

After years of merely holding steady, the legislature seems ready to increase the amount of financial support provided to cities and towns. The Appropriations Committee has recommended increases in the State PILOT (Payment In Lieu of Taxes.)

I plan to report on the final outcome of this debate after session is completed since the issue is so important to Mansfield's property tax payers.



*Rep. Haddad and Sen. Williams met with students from UConn's new Innovation House Learning Community.*

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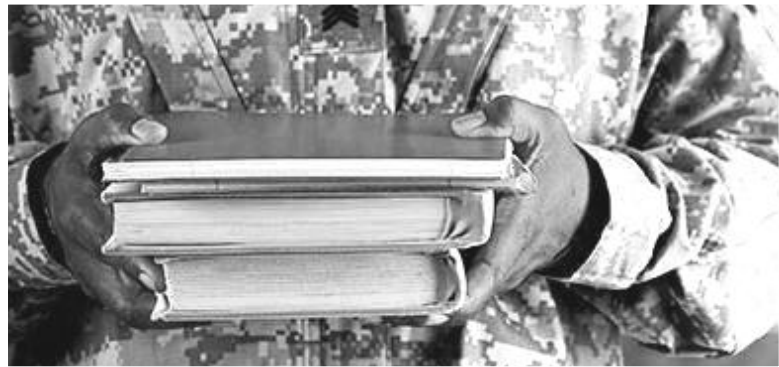
*The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) honored Rep. Haddad for his leadership on behalf of Connecticut's residents. He is pictured with AARP's director, Nora Duncan.*

## COMPLETE YOUR COLLEGE EDUCATION

### *“Go Back to Get Ahead”*

When a student starts college and does not complete their degree, it’s a lost opportunity for the student, the college, and the Connecticut economy. Under this proposal, a Connecticut resident who has not attended any institution of higher education for at least 18 months prior to June 30, 2014 and returns to a Connecticut state college or university to complete a degree, can take three courses at no cost. “Go Back to Get Ahead” will help us build a skilled workforce in which we are graduating as many students as possible into good paying jobs with good benefits, right here in Connecticut.

## COLLEGE CREDIT FOR MILITARY TRAINING



Many military veterans are not receiving college credit for certain training they received while serving our country. These veterans, who have special training, skills, and education, upon returning to civilian life, are ready, willing and more than qualified to enter our workforce. To help our veterans, I supported a bill that gives them credit for the training they have received while serving in the military. This will save our veterans time and money and help them pursue higher education degrees when they return to civilian life.



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## PRESERVING OUR ENVIRONMENT *Ban Fracking Waste*

The Connecticut legislature is considering a bill that would address fracking and the increasingly evident, harmful impact that its process inflicts on the environment. The waste can be hazardous, toxic and radioactive. This bill would prohibit the importation, storage or disposal of fracking waste by-products into our state.



*These are some legislative proposals under consideration this session. As always, keep in touch...*

*Gregory*

## AGING IN PLACE *Retaining More of Your Assets*

This proposed bill allows a spouse of a long-term Medicaid recipient to retain more of their assets. This legislation would increase the amount from \$23,448 to \$50,000 that a person can retain of family assets when that person has a spouse who is residing in a long-term care facility. This will help the spouse still living at home to remain independent and continue to live in the community – which is a great goal for everyone.

## BENEFIT CORPORATIONS *Encouraging Corporate Responsibility*

I have worked with a group of Connecticut entrepreneurs to pass legislation allowing benefit corporations to be established in the state. Unlike other corporate entities, benefit corporations must consider the environment and make a material positive impact on society in addition to pursuing profits. After two years of advocating for this bill, I am hopeful it will become law this year.