



2011 Legislative Preview

On January 5th, I took the oath of office to represent Chaplin and Mansfield in the State House of Representatives. I'm honored to have been selected for this responsibility.

There is serious work ahead of us. Creating jobs and passing a sound, honest budget are two significant challenges that the General Assembly must tackle in the coming months.

I have been selected to serve on the Appropriations and the Higher Education and Workforce Advancement Committees, and as Vice Chairman of the Commerce Committee. This will give me a great opportunity to have a real impact on budgetary decisions, economic development and job creation.

Thank you for the privilege of representing Mansfield and Chaplin residents.



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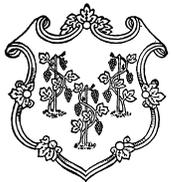
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STATE BUDGET

The fiscal crisis that has affected many Connecticut families has also weakened the financial status of the state. As a result, we are left with a looming budget deficit that must be addressed this session.

We need to find cuts and savings in government programs without losing the safety net of services that Connecticut families depend upon. I am confident we can accomplish that this session.

JOB CREATION

Far too many Connecticut families and businesses have suffered through these economic times.

The best approach to getting Connecticut moving forward again is to focus on creating good paying jobs. As the Vice-Chair of the Commerce Committee, I look forward to helping small businesses by reducing red tape and carefully scrutinizing Connecticut's economic development programs to ensure their effectiveness.

HEALTH CARE

Health care has become increasingly expensive and unattainable for far too many Connecticut residents.

This year, we will prepare Connecticut for implementation of the new federal health care system passed in 2009. The Connecticut SUSTINET commission has delivered draft recommendations to aid this effort.



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