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RESOURCES FOR JOBS, FORECLOSURES & MORE

We have all been feeling the impact of the current economic crisis. Many of us are concerned about job security, the possibility of unemployment or foreclosure.

We have worked hard at the state legislature to pass laws and create services to help cope with these tough times. I hope that you find the information in this brochure helpful.

Please don't hesitate to contact my office at 240.0452 if you have any questions or need assistance with any other matter.

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Resources for **JOBS, FORECLOSURES & MORE**

CT Works Career Centers

These regional, one-stop career centers are available through the CT Labor Department to provide workshops and counseling to help with job skills, job search strategies, resume writing and career counseling services.

A regional Career Center is located in Hartford which includes a resource library as well as guidance and services to those seeking employment. To inquire about these services call 256.3700, extension 3673.

Federal Stimulus Unemployment Help

The Federal Government has increased unemployment benefits by \$25 per week and extended unemployment benefits for those who qualify through December 31, 2009. 65% of the COBRA healthcare premium is also covered for nine months. For more information, contact the CT Labor Department at 263.6000.

Mortgage Assistance

In 2008, three new programs were created to help families stay in their homes.

- The Connecticut Families Program helps qualified homeowners refinance their adjustable rate mortgages to a 30 year fixed rate.
- The Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program (EMAP) provides emergency mortgage assistance payments to certain borrowers who are facing temporary financial hardship.
- The Homeowner's Equity Recovery Opportunity program (HERO) can negotiate, for eligible homeowners, the ability to purchase mortgages directly from lenders.

For further information on program eligibility contact the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority (CHFA) Special Programs Call Center at www.chfa.org | 877.571.2432

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