

AT&T TO FRONTIER TRANSITION

The purchase of AT&T Connecticut's landline, broadband and U-verse services by Frontier Communications has created confusion as well as service problems, particularly following the expiration of the McAfee security previously provided as part of the internet service by AT&T. Below are some of the complaints I have been made aware of:

- You are forced into paying for any service without proper explanation and/or a resolution to a complaint.
- Your service is dropped without notice.
- You are promised a set price only to find that the price is higher when you are actually billed.
- You are forced into purchasing internet security for \$9.99 a month with the "Content Anywhere" app without being offered the less costly \$5.99 security that includes coverage for three computers in your home.

If you think you are being treated unfairly or cannot get proper assistance to a problem, you are encouraged to file a formal complaint with Frontier Communications and the CT Department of Consumer Protection at dcp.frauds@ct.gov or by calling (800) 842-2649.



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LARGE CAMPAIGN SIGNS ON STATE RIGHT-OF-WAYS

I testified before the Legislature's Government Administration & Elections Committee in support of a House Bill 6099 which addresses large political signs placed illegally on state right-of-ways. I introduced the bill to discourage the widespread violation of state right-of-ways by political entities who construct huge signs that obstruct sight lines, create safety issues and result in expensive, labor intensive removal costs for the State Department of Transportation. The bill applies to signs of 2'x4' or larger and would have NO impact on smaller yard-type signs normally used during campaigns. The bill would require that the cost of removal be paid by the political entity as a campaign expense and not by taxpayers.

PROPERTY TAX CREDIT BILL

To help reduce the property tax burden on local taxpayers, I introduced House Bill 5412 which will increase the individual property tax credit from \$300 to \$500.

DE-COUPLING OF TAX LIABILITY

I introduced House Bill 5411 to address the higher income tax liability single filers must pay at tax time. This unfair tax burden in Connecticut's Income Tax structure taxes single filers 5 to 6 times more than people who are married filing jointly. For example, in the Connecticut 2014 Income Tax Tables, a single filer with taxable income of \$33,000 owes \$879 while those who are married filing jointly owe \$162. This huge disparity is particularly burdensome to women who find themselves single later in life and young people entering the workforce already saddled with large student loan debt.

ADD SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO TAX FREE WEEK

I proposed House Bill 6535 to exempt school supplies from the sales tax during the yearly Sales Tax Free Week. The suggestion was brought to my attention by a constituent in my district. If approved, it will help defray the cost of class supplies often bought by teachers at their own personal expense and provide welcome relief to parents.



ADDITIONAL BILLS INTRODUCED IN 2015

HB 5239 - Requires full state reimbursement to municipalities for special education.

HB 5240 - Increases funding to municipalities to compensate them for magnet school tuition costs.

HB 6536 - Allows more retirees to qualify for the Social Security income exemption.

HB 5186 - Would compensate hospitals for patient care to those who do not qualify under the Affordable Care Act or fail to apply for coverage.