



2011 Legislative Preview

Thank you for your support. I'm honored to serve as your voice at the State Capitol for a second term.

As Connecticut is still on the road to economic recovery we face significant fiscal challenges and job growth will be a top priority this legislative session.

I remain committed to bringing about a leaner more efficient government while ensuring our most vulnerable citizens are protected and essential services are properly funded.

Although our challenges are great, I am convinced that with your input and support we will tackle our most pressing needs.

As always, please contact me at home or at the Capitol if you have questions or concerns about this year's legislative session, or any other matter.



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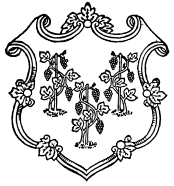
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CONNECTICUT INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

I am pleased to have been named House Vice-Chair of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee. I am working to make the State Insurance Department more user friendly.

The Insurance Department's Consumer Affairs Division provides general information about insurance and investigates insurance related problems. If you have questions or have had a problem with your health, auto or home insurance you may contact the Consumer Affairs Division by email at cid.ca@ct.gov or call 1.800.203.3447.

Please visit www.ct.gov/cid/ or contact me to learn more about the State Insurance Department.



ECONOMIC RECOVERY

The best approach to keep Connecticut moving forward is to focus on job growth. I am working with business groups and other lawmakers to make our state a better place for business. We also need to find cuts and savings in government programs without unduly harming the safety net of services that Connecticut families depend on. I am confident we can accomplish that this session.

HEALTH CARE

Not a day goes by that I don't hear from a constituent or a local business about the burden of health care costs. These costs are an enormous hardship on individuals and families, and they are hindering business development and job growth in our state.

This session, look for the legislature to move further ahead on health care reforms. In particular, I look forward to again championing a health care bill that will allow small businesses and municipalities to join the state pool to purchase quality, affordable health insurance, saving them and the state millions of dollars.

EDUCATION

As a member of the Education Committee, I know how important a quality education is for all of Connecticut's children. This session we will review our state's education system and determine how we can improve the quality of learning in our schools. With some creative thinking and a new perspective, we can make sure that the children of Connecticut have all the tools they need to succeed.

LOWER ELECTRIC RATES

I am also a member of the Energy and Technology Committee. One of our bills (SB1) seeks to lower electric rates, create green jobs and promote renewable energy. The proposal includes a 15% reduction in electricity rates, and investment in greener, more efficient energy sources that will cut pollution, save money, and create jobs.

