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### **REP. KINER HOSTS CRIS RADIO “KINER’S COMMUNITY”**

State Representative **David W. Kiner** (D-Enfield, East Windsor) was happy to host representatives from The Connecticut Radio Information System, Inc. (CRIS) on his cable access show, “Kiner’s Community.” Rep. Kiner was joined by Diane Weaver Dunne, executive director of CRIS radio, and Tom Grossi, a dedicated CRIS radio volunteer and listener.

Since 1979, CRIS radio has been broadcasting print material read aloud by volunteers for the benefit of the visually impaired and print-disabled community. Since its conception, CRIS has dramatically expanded its programming, allowing CRIS to broadcast material 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

“I am blown away by the incredible service that CRIS radio provides for Connecticut listeners. There is no other organization in the country that is doing what CRIS radio is doing each and every day. Through the help of its dedicated volunteer base, this organization is allowing for a better quality-of-life for thousands in Connecticut who depend on this service,” said Rep. Kiner.

CRIS serves an estimated 33,000 individuals in Connecticut, who for a variety of reasons, have difficulty reading print material, through online streaming, on-demand listening, and streaming through a special CRIS radio which eligible listeners can receive from CRIS for free. Programming includes newspaper articles, magazines, obituaries, store circulars, books, and much more.

“If it wasn’t for CRIS reading the daily newspapers and magazines I would feel isolated and left out. I have depended on CRIS every day since 1979,” said CRIS volunteer and listener Tom Grossi.

To learn more about CRIS radio, volunteer opportunities, and the extremely popular “Dining & Dancing in the Dark” fundraiser, please visit [www.crisradio.org](http://www.crisradio.org)

The show will air on Cox local channel 15 at 8:00 PM each Thursday for the next few weeks. To watch the show online go to [www.patv15.com](http://www.patv15.com), Enfield/Schedule, go to the day of the week the show airs, find the show and click on “view”

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