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2012 Legislative Session Preview

This past year Connecticut turned a corner on the road to economic recovery. The economic growth and fiscal challenges we faced were significant and we took action to create jobs and balance the budget.

This year, jobs and business growth will certainly remain my top priorities, along with continuing to fight for the Enfield property taxpayer and ensuring that our children receive the best education possible.

There are many other important issues being considered this legislative session. I remain committed to working toward a leaner and more efficient government while ensuring the protection of our most vulnerable citizens and keeping essential services properly funded.

I am convinced that with your input and support, we can address the most pressing needs of our community. Thank you for the honor of serving you.

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Storm Response

We all agree that our utility companies did not meet our expectations during and after last year's storms. Clearly, they need to be more accountable in restoring service and meeting customer needs. There are several proposals that I'll be supporting that will improve storm and emergency response of our utilities by establishing benchmarks for service restoration and imposing significant fines on the utilities if they fail to meet those standards.

Lean Government

Last year, we eliminated 22 state agencies, shrinking state government by 25 percent – and yet there is more we can do. We will continue to trim bureaucracy and consolidate agencies until we are satisfied we have a truly lean, efficient state government.

Health Insurance For Small Business

I was honored to be appointed to a task force that helped create a bill that allows small businesses, including sole proprietorships, to purchase employee health care coverage through the state employee health plan. We can help businesses control these costs and doing so will strengthen and stimulate our economy.

Job Training Vets

Building on our recent jobs bill, I support an additional \$10 million to fund the "STEP-Up for Veterans" program. STEP-Up seeks to connect young veterans with meaningful employment upon their return. Any Connecticut-based business that hires an unemployed combat veteran who served in Iraq or Afghanistan would be eligible to receive a grant of up to six months of that veteran's salary and training costs, up to \$12,000.

