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An Act Concerning Child Identity Theft

Identity theft occurs when an individual’s identity is used by another person for the imposter’s personal gain. Unfortunately, this type of theft is happening more frequently, resulting in hundreds of thousands of stolen identities throughout the country each year. Under current law, combining someone’s social security number with an unrelated name is not considered a crime, a loophole that has major implications for children, whose social security numbers are at particular risk. This bill closes a loophole in the state’s current identity theft law by deleting the requirement that the perpetrator must use or attempt to use the person’s name for the action to constitute a crime. This will reduce the use of children’s social security numbers for the purposes of identity theft.

Energy Reform

Like you, I’ve reduced my electricity use, but it’s still too costly. The electric market deregulation enacted years ago hasn’t worked, so this year we passed a major act to help alleviate the burden on customers. This legislation would reduce energy costs by:

- » Investing in energy efficiency and clean energy technologies in both homes and businesses
- » Reforming state agencies to provide tighter controls over your energy costs
- » Achieving long-term savings for all electric customers

Development Incentives

Governor Malloy has signed the “First Five” legislation that provides incentives for up to five business development projects that commit to creating at least 200 new jobs each. We will continue to work with Governor Malloy to utilize bonding for infrastructure improvement projects that will create jobs.

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Dear Neighbor,

As we turn the corner from recession toward economic recovery, I see opportunities to build on the successful business and job growth initiatives passed by the legislature this year.

Your input helped shape my votes during the last regular session of the General Assembly. I protected the services you expect and state aid to cities and towns that support New Haven’s and Hamden’s budgets, repairs roads and helps keep your local property taxes down.

This report highlights legislation important to you. First, our highest priority was job creation and retention. Second, we saved taxpayer dollars by encouraging innovative approaches to regionalizing services. Some of our other legislative advances include; electric rate reform, education enhancements, health insurance reform and help for veterans, the environment and domestic violence victims.

In addition, I worked on several bills important to New Haven, Hamden and the State of Connecticut.

I am proud to have stabilized your property taxes by supporting \$200,011,150 in state dollars to New Haven and \$28,448,287 to Hamden.

I hope this report is informative. I’m happy to answer any questions about these issues or any others facing our state this year. Together we can work to create a better future for our friends and families.

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Better Health Care Access & Affordability

Health care benefits are one of the largest expenses faced by individuals and employers. We combined two major health care reforms that protect and increase access to quality, affordable health care.

The Connecticut Health Care Partnership offers the state health insurance coverage to municipalities and to non-profit organizations. Taking advantage of the increased bargaining power and reduced administrative costs associated with the state plan will allow municipalities and non-profits to provide quality care with less cost. When municipalities save money on health care, those savings are passed down to property taxpayers.

In addition, better health care delivery will be attained for individuals and groups through a comprehensive plan that lays out a framework for a state-wide health care delivery system that also leverages the state health plan pool to contain costs and promote preventive care.

Saluting Our Veterans

Providing a better life to those who protect us

Veterans, along with their families, have sacrificed so much so we can enjoy our freedom and a democratic way of life. Veterans returning from foreign engagements need to know that we appreciate what they do for us and that means passing legislation that helps them and their families. Veterans' bills passed this session:

- » Offer veterans' license plates to a member of the U. S. armed forces or his or her surviving spouse.
- » Expand the waiver of property tax interest for certain armed forces members in Iraq and Afghanistan.
- » Allow veteran status to be on a driver's license or identity card.
- » Waive the \$20 fee for one certified copy of a veteran's death certificate when requested by family.
- » Provide disabled wartime veterans with free parking, admission, and boat access parking to state recreational areas.
- » Create a one-stop website for services available for veterans.
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Brownfield Remediation

Creating Jobs & Helping the Environment

I am pleased to have co-sponsored a bill that could be one of the most important job generators in Connecticut. We funded clean up and re-use of "brownfields" – contaminated and long abandoned properties that can be remediated and turned into productive and safe sites for economic development, open space or other public uses. Our cities, small towns and rural areas are all winners because these remediation projects can be a catalyst for job creation and real estate development.

Getting Tough on School Bullying

In response to growing concerns over increasing acts of school bullying, we passed legislation that strengthens school bullying laws and requires all school employees to complete annual training programs dealing with the problem.

The bill makes the school principal responsible to investigate and address bullying and electronic cyber-bullying whether it occurs in or out of school.

An Act Mandating Employers Provide Paid Sick Leave to Employees

Employers are not currently required by law to provide paid sick leave to their employees, which results in employees coming to work sick, or leaving their sick children in the care of elderly parents for fear of losing pay. This bill requires employers in service industries with 50 or more employees to provide one hour of paid sick leave to hourly employees for every forty hours worked after they have worked 680 hours with an average of 10 hours a week. Employees are limited to the accrual and use of 40 hours of sick leave in any one year, but can carry 40 hours of unused sick leave into the next year.

Allowing workers to take time off to get well without fear of losing pay will improve their health and their families as illnesses are addressed more promptly which helps prevent the spread of diseases within the workplace to other employees and the public.

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Paid sick days legislation

Rep. Lemar on paid sick days bill that provides for the accrual of paid sick days for employers who have 50 or more employees.

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A Leaner and Greener Government ... and Stronger Democracy

The General Assembly worked to create a leaner and greener government and stronger democracy by:

- » Reducing the number of state agencies by 30 percent from 81 to 56
- » Implementing procedures to address ballot shortages and other election day issues
- » Requiring towns to have an emergency plan for election day
- » Encouraging all three branches of state government to go "paperless"

Eliminating Toxic BPA

I have supported important legislation that would limit our exposures to Bisphenol-A (BPA), which is known to have negative health-related side effects. A new law prohibits the manufacture, sale, offering for sale, or distribution of thermal receipt or cash register receipt paper containing BPA in Connecticut. We have already banned the chemical BPA from infant formula and baby food containers. BPA exposure can be linked to various illnesses and ailments including: prostate cancer, breast cancer, obesity, attention deficit disorder, hyperactivity disorder, disruption in reproduction and fertility (including damage to fetus).



Rep. Lemar speaks at Long Wharf Nature Preserve in support of protecting the preserve from DOT's highway expansion plans.
(photo: courtesy of John Logan)

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