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Dear Neighbor,

Over the past year I have worked tirelessly to ensure that your tax dollars come back from Hartford in the form of meaningful investments to promote economic development, education, and New Haven's infrastructure. Economic development has many facets, an intricate puzzle where education, neighborhood revitalization, and job growth are intertwined.

This mailer outlines a few of the projects. Each program plays a role in ensuring that our community stays vibrant and our residents have opportunities for gainful employment.

If you have any questions about these or other programs, funding sources for your group or organization, or other complimentary legislation, feel free to contact me at [Roland.Lemar@cga.ct.gov](mailto:Roland.Lemar@cga.ct.gov) or 203-842-8267. For other updates and information, check out my facebook page: [www.facebook.com/StateRepRolandLemar](http://www.facebook.com/StateRepRolandLemar).

It continues to be my pleasure to serve you.

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## SUPPORTING NEW HAVEN BUSINESSES THAT PROMOTE JOB GROWTH

This past year I have been proud to support numerous businesses in New Haven who needed a little help to grow. Their growth not only provides jobs to New Haveners, but it helps keep our tax base stable. I secured brownfield redevelopment dollars for State Street, pushed for a massive state investment in the coliseum redevelopment plan, and supported local entrepreneurs through grants to New Haven's start up hub. I also championed legislation creating a "benefit corporation" designation for socially responsible and responsive businesses. Additional grants were made available to expand the biotechnology sector in New Haven through new construction and by attracting new businesses like Arvinas, Inc.



Rep. Lemar with other legislators at the Alexion ground breaking



Rep. Lemar fights for transparency in economic assistance programs

## AFFORDABLE HOMES IN NEW HAVEN

I have been working to make key funding available to assist with housing needs in New Haven for all residents. Funding was secured for Columbus House Homeless Shelter. Grant money was made available to remove lead and other hazards from low and middle income housing units. The state provided subsidies to develop more workforce housing and down payment assistance for transitional neighborhoods. Statewide, we emphasized energy efficiency assistance, enabling homeowners to continue solar panel programs, energy audits, and ensure utility rate payers had options for electricity generation and switching from oil to natural gas. Keeping New Haven an affordable, livable, clean and green city is fundamental to future growth.

## ECONOMIC STRENGTH STARTS WITH A GOOD EDUCATION

Education is the key to ensuring that New Haven has a strong future of continued growth and development. This year I was proud to support multiple education programs, initiatives, and projects. We were able to offer collaborative afterschool programs giving students additional tutoring from Yale students. School security grants helped to update camera, keycard, and training for security personnel, ensuring that our kids have a safe learning environment. New Haven won competitive grants that funded better technology in our classrooms. In April we announced a push to expand universal pre-kindergarten, providing \$10 million over 10 years for 15,000 new pre-k spots statewide.

## STATE DOLLARS SENT BACK TO NEW HAVEN 2013-2014\*

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT	\$24,248,500
NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS	\$3,970,485
CITY SERVICES AND HEALTHCARE	\$8,935,000
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS	\$5,207,890
PILOT FUNDS	\$43,907,709
EDUCATION COST SHARING (ECS)	\$150,438,559

\*These figures only include amounts from programs and grants discussed in this mailer.



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## NONPROFIT/PUBLIC PARTNERSHIPS KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOODS VIBRANT

The state cannot solve all problems, but thankfully we have many nonprofit and charitable groups in New Haven who help provide essential services. The state happily provides funding to such groups as it costs taxpayers less than if the state were to address such issues, but grants are competitive. I have fought for many nonprofits to get necessary funding to continue vital community programs from prison re-entry job training to expanding our farmers' markets. The New Haven Museum was awarded funding for a "New Haven Works" lecture series while the Young Men's Institute Library focused on amateur expert talks. The Clifford Beers clinic was able to replace their roof. Leeway expanded their range of services while Crossroads, Inc. and Marrakech, Inc. both got supplemental funding for generator replacement and other facility upgrades. These organizations are incredible assets to our community and I am happy to lend a hand when groups like these are requesting state funds.



Rep. Lemar prepares for a floor debate to raise the minimum wage



Rep. Lemar speaks at a public hearing on limiting the impact of new construction on local residents and businesses

## ARTS THERAPY FOR ECONOMIC RECOVERY

Our city is well known as a food mecca, an arts hub, and a cultural microcosm. I am proud that the Shubert Theatre has been awarded the funding needed to renovate and modernize the theatre and prepare for their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary season. The Arts and Ideas Festival, always a favorite in my family, was awarded nearly \$800,000 for their 2014 season. Now, that is a lot of money, but that investment dwarfs next to the \$34 million in economic benefit the festival provides to the city during the two-week long festivities. Not only do our cultural activities and venues provide amazing economic benefits to restaurants, hotels, and shops, keeping our residents employed, these venues also attract new people to New Haven, showcasing our city as an amazing place to live, work, and play.