

*Dear Neighbor,*

I would like to extend my thanks to the people of Durham, Middlefield, Rockfall and Middletown for giving me the honor and the opportunity to serve you in the State Assembly. It is a privilege to do so this legislative session as a member of the Education, Public Health and Education & Technology committees.

This promises to be a most challenging year for all of us. The worldwide economic crisis is having a dramatic impact on families, on our towns and on the State of Connecticut.

I commit to represent your interests in Hartford in this time of enormous challenge.

Our job is to work cooperatively, imaginatively and purposefully to improve the lives of all of our citizens. This means making difficult decisions to balance the budget, but also maintaining critical investments in our economy and our future - in jobs, public health, energy efficiency, the environment and funding our towns, for example. We have two major tasks: first balance the budget, but second put us on the path towards economic recovery.

To be effective, I need to hear from you. Let me know your thoughts on issues, your concerns, and your ideas for the best solutions to the challenges before us. Please contact me at the Capitol at 860.240.8585, at home at 860.344.1230 or by email at [Matthew.Lesser@cga.ct.gov](mailto:Matthew.Lesser@cga.ct.gov).

*I look forward to working with you.*

Sincerely,



**Matthew Lesser**  
*State Representative*



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## 2009 Legislative Preview

### Cutting Waste, Preserving Services

- Connecticut is facing the worst budget deficit in its history. In my first week in office, I joined with other legislators to cut more than \$130 million in state spending. We will work to curb waste and make government more efficient while protecting essential services.

### Supporting our Schools

- Education is the highest priority of our state and local government. From my seat on the Education Committee, I will work to maintain critical investments in our schools, to protect students and teachers and allow towns to hold the line on property taxes. I will also fight to replace toxic cleaning products commonly used in schools with safe, non-toxic alternatives.

### Lowering Healthcare Costs

- Despite an economy in recession, healthcare costs are out of control. I will fight to allow towns, small businesses and non-profits to pool together to lower their health insurance costs. I will support efforts to make healthcare accessible and affordable to all Connecticut residents.

### Energy and the Environment

- From my seat on the Energy & Technology Committee, I will fight for lower electricity rates and fight to make Connecticut a leader in renewable energy and conservation.

### Tax Reform and the Character of our Towns

- Middle class families and seniors have struggled with high taxes for years. I will fight for broad-based tax reform and to preserve aid to towns so we can hold the line on property taxes. I will work to support farms and small businesses in this challenging environment, so we can protect the character of our towns for generations to come.



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