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Dear Neighbor:

What a year this has been for Middletown!

As your State Representative, I am proud to report that we have made great progress on redeveloping our riverfront, passed a balanced budget on time that returns more tax dollars to Middletown than ever before, and did so without raising taxes one penny.

We have honored our veterans, strengthened our middle class, and supported local small businesses. We are increasing funding for our schools, for mental health, and for Middlesex Community College. Every day I work to make sure that Middletown is a safer, more prosperous, and more liveable community.

If I can ever be of assistance to you, please give me a call!

Sincerely,

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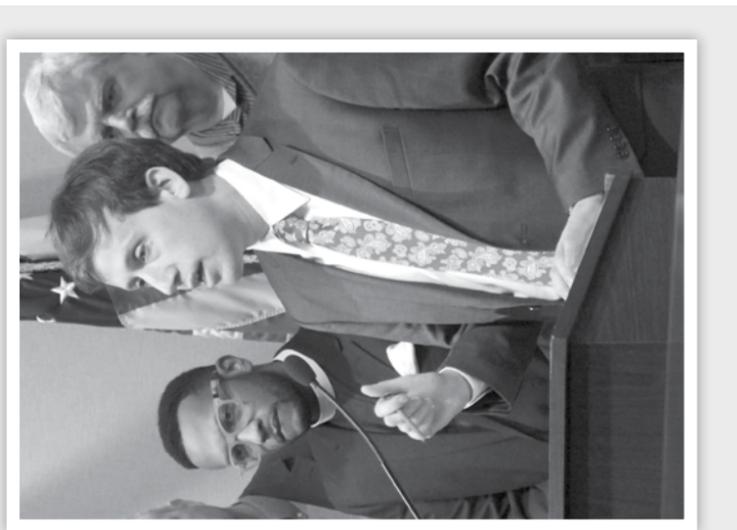
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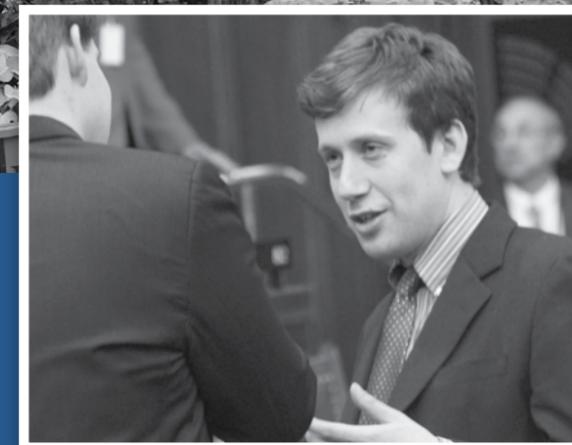
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PUTTING KIDS FIRST

After Sandy Hook, protecting our children is on everybody's mind. That's why I worked to secure school security funding for public and private schools in Middletown. I also partnered with the North End Action Team and the Middletown Police Department to work in our neighborhoods to prevent violence in the first place. I secured funding for a gun buy-back program that got illegal guns off our streets and worked to pass laws strengthening our response to domestic violence and sexual assault.

As a member of the powerful Appropriations Committee, I helped pass a balanced budget that provides much-needed support for our schools and our teachers. It helps over 1000 kids attend high-quality preschool programs and it significantly expands support for the Middletown Public Schools, Middletown Vo-Ag, Vinal Tech, Middletown Adult Education and Middlesex Community College.



Rep. Lesser and Chief McKenna tackle violence at Macdonough School



Rep. Lesser talks about our environment in Middletown

PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

Our clean drinking water and the beautiful Connecticut River are assets that Middletown can be proud of. That's why I authored new laws that protect our reservoirs and open space and keep toxic fracking waste from coming into Connecticut.

Working with Republicans and Democrats, we were able to put politics aside and tell toxic waste haulers that Connecticut should not be a dumping ground.

MIDDLETOWN COMES FIRST MORE TAX DOLLARS COMING HOME THAN EVER BEFORE

State Funding for Middletown Schools	↑\$1.03 million
Middlesex Community College	↑\$481,628
Honoring Middletown Veterans	↑\$500,000
Increase in State Income Tax	\$0.00
Increase in Sales, Gas and other taxes	\$0.00

Total State Aid for Middletown **\$32,756,359**

A STRONGER MIDDLE CLASS

This year, Connecticut led the country by raising our minimum hourly wage to \$10.10 over the next two years.

I worked to secure low interest loans for fast-growing Middletown small businesses, won continued funding for the North End Farmer's Market, and chaired a task force that kept over a hundred Middletown residents from going homeless when the Shepherd Home closed in January.

Thanks to a historic partnership with the state, Middletown's largest private employer, Pratt & Whitney, has made a commitment to invest billions in expanding their commitment to Connecticut.

STANDING WITH OUR SENIORS

I was honored as a Legislative Champion this year by the Connecticut AARP for taking on predatory electric marketers and telephone companies.

We were also able to expand the elderly rental rebate program that helps low income seniors pay their rent, and expand programs that help keep seniors and disabled persons in their homes.



Rep. Lesser hosts Middletown seniors at the State Capitol