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## Job Growth is Job One

In October of 2011, the State Legislature passed a comprehensive jobs package that will help foster long term economic growth, incentives for small businesses, new economic development tools, a streamlined permit process, and workforce development and training. There are also incentives for towns to help improve bridges and town centers and for businesses to hire employees.

Employers can contact the Department of Economic and Community Development at 860-270-8000 to find out how this new law can help them grow their business.

Please contact me with any questions. I look forward to hearing from you.



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## Small Business Growth

Small business is the backbone of our economy. The legislature helped create jobs by making \$100 million available to grow small businesses with less than 50 employees through incentives, grants and loans and streamlined the application process to expedite assistance by:

- Cutting the business entity tax in half
- Investing \$20 million to remediate vacant brownfield properties
- Providing \$10 million to manufacturers to train and hire employees
- Expanding job creation tax credits to \$500
- Expanding job creation tax credit for hiring the unemployed, disabled or veterans to \$900

## Cutting Red Tape

Helping businesses grow new jobs by:

- Eliminating or consolidating burdensome state regulations
- Approving certain economic development projects in 60 days
- Analyzing government services and programs to improve efficiency
- Making state websites easier for businesses to navigate and use
- Establishing a program to clean up brownfields and vacant properties faster

I feel that representing my constituents is one of my most important duties.

If you have a concern or problem with state services or any other issue, do not hesitate to contact me at [Rick.Lopes@cga.ct.gov](mailto:Rick.Lopes@cga.ct.gov) or 860-240-8500

