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Please return this survey. I'm looking forward to hearing from you!

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## 2012 Constituent Survey

Dear Neighbor,

As your new state representative, I want to hear from you about how state government can be improved and about your concerns. There's been some good news lately that our economy is improving, employment is increasing, and state revenues are recovering. Our future is looking slightly brighter.

The General Assembly and Governor Malloy reduced both the size and the cost of state agencies through consolidation, productivity increases, and renegotiated employee contracts. We've maintained the safety net. We shored up funds to cities to help mitigate increasing property taxes. We did raise some taxes, but in a way that spreads the burden to the richest among us.

So I'm asking you to fill out this survey and send it back to me. I'm still optimistic. I will keep protecting the vulnerable, especially seniors, children and our embattled middle-class working families.

Please remember, if you have any questions, concerns, suggestions or complaints, I want to hear about it!

RICK LOPEZ  
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Your Opinion Counts!  
Survey 2012



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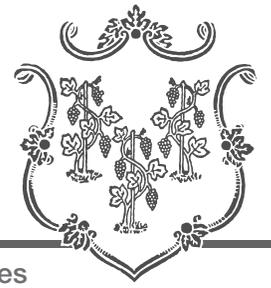
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Please take a moment to fill out the attached survey. Your responses will help me make decisions that can directly benefit our communities.

**Your Thoughts on State Government**

**Q** What efficiencies would you like to see implemented for the state to run better?

Comments \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Q** What concerns do you and your family have at present and what can the state do to alleviate them?

Comments \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Q** What about state government upsets you the most?

Comments \_\_\_\_\_  
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**The Budget: State Spending.**

The General Assembly adopted a budget in June, 2011 that is tough, balanced, honest, and fair. It begins to address structural deficiencies while preserving the safety net for those that need it most. While I am optimistic the recovery is steadily improving, it is also important to be prepared for similar challenges down the road. With the state budgetary constraints and economic difficulties in mind, which of these programs would you cut a lot, cut a little, or try to protect. Please check one box for each program.

	<b>Cut</b>	A lot	Some	Protect		<b>Cut</b>	A lot	Some	Protect
Education Funding	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	New Britain Busway	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Aid to Businesses	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Open Space Land Purchases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Aid to Families with Children	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prescription Drugs for Seniors	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Aid to the Disabled	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prescription Drugs for Families	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Aid to the Mentally Ill or Developmentally Disabled	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Protecting the Environment	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Aid to Municipalities	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prisons	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Buses and Railroads	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rental Assistance for Families	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Crime Victim Services	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rental Assistance for Seniors	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public Schools	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Roads, Bridges and Highways	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drug Abuse Prevention Education	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The State Courts	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drug Abuse Rehabilitation	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	State Universities	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health Care Assistance for Seniors	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The State Police	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
					Veteran Services	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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