

Dear Neighbor,

Thank you for allowing me the pleasure of serving you as your representative in the Connecticut General Assembly. I consider it an honor to hold such responsibility.

The 2009 Legislative Session is now underway. For this session, I have been appointed as an Assistant Majority Leader as well as a member of the Appropriations, Education, and Higher Education & Workforce Development Committees. In addition, I am the Co-Chair of Appropriations' Sub-Committee on Judiciary & Corrections and a member of the Connecticut Black & Puerto Rican Caucus. Although I will be directly involved with these committees and groups on a daily basis, it is my goal to serve as an advocate to you and I would be happy to hear any of your concerns or ideas on any issue.

This year will be a difficult year for many state residents. I respect and understand that. The economic downturn being felt across the nation has not spared Connecticut businesses, citizens, or government.

While tough choices will be made this year regarding a variety of state services, there remains a cause for optimism. With your help and input, government will be streamlined to work more efficiently.

I urge you to read through this newsletter to find out more about the major issues facing Connecticut this year. Feel free to contact me at 860.240.8585. Again, thank you for allowing me to represent you!

Sincerely,



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2009 Legislative Preview

Health Care

- Expanding the state's health care plan will allow everyone in the state access to quality, affordable health care coverage and save money for taxpayers and municipalities by bulk purchasing health insurance and prescription drugs. By improving and expanding state health care programs, like HUSKY, we can cover more of Connecticut's uninsured.

Workforce Development

- Connecticut has been a national leader in new technologies and 'green' initiatives. We need to put Connecticut people to work in these important industries. Doing so will benefit Connecticut residents as well as our economy. With federal investment in infrastructure projects coming, we need to ensure that our workforce is available and ready to commence shovel-ready projects and put us on the right economic track.

Affordable Housing

- Connecticut's competitiveness is tied directly to our ability to provide affordable housing and attract and retain the talented people we need. I will support programs that create financial incentives for municipalities to build affordable housing while respecting open space, low-income rental assistance and improving state housing financing.

Mortgage Foreclosure Assistance

- Connecticut has several assistance programs for individuals and families facing foreclosures. Programs range from mortgage modifications, delinquency repayment plans and direct mortgage assistance. Unfortunately, the criteria for qualification has prevented some from taking part in these programs. I will seek to expand the qualification guidelines so that more needy residents can qualify.

Education

- Our schools need the necessary tools to produce a skilled workforce. We need to develop smart and innovative ideas to maintain funding to our school districts and special education while we reduce costs. We need to further examine magnet schools, vocational agriculture and technical schools. Investing in our students today will create a skilled job and college-ready workforce that will brighten the state's economic future.



Representative Douglas McCrory at the Legislative Office Building.

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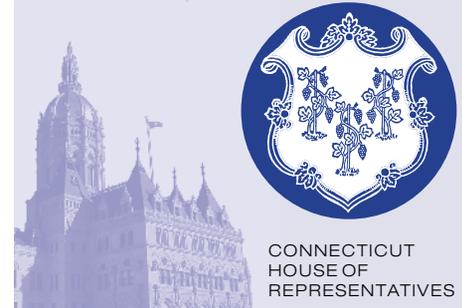
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