



A BALANCED BUDGET for CONNECTICUT

– On Time and On Target

By working hard and reaching across party lines to create a compromise, we were able to balance this year's state budget with:

- » No tax increases
- » No cuts in municipal aid or education funding (ECS)
- » Maintained funding for hospitals, schools, libraries, and courthouses
- » Funding for dental care and prescriptions for seniors and the disabled
- » A \$500 individual property tax credit to help offset local property taxes

We erased a \$10 billion deficit, balancing the budget on time and on target.

Hartford Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Aid

PILOT: State Owned Property	\$12,285,925
PILOT: Colleges & Hospitals	\$25,564,804
Town Aid Roads	\$613,175
Local Capital Improvement Program	\$2,282,942
Pequot/Mohegan Aid	\$8,794,888
Adult Education	\$2,393,485
School Transportation	\$4,475,964
Educational Cost Sharing	\$187,974,890
Total State Funds to Hartford	\$244,386,073

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Capitol Update

The 2010 legislative session has been one of both challenge and compromise as we worked to address the state budget deficiency. In the end, we saw real results as the legislature and the Governor worked together to craft a sound, responsible and fair state budget. I am proud that we were able to work together, across party lines, to create a compromise and close the 2010 and 2011 fiscal years with no deficit and a balanced budget that avoided both devastating cuts to services and tax increases.

As we look ahead to the future, many challenges remain. While I am truly optimistic about Connecticut's economic recovery, I remain realistic about the absolute necessity to improve our education system, increase job opportunities and better our quality of health care. I will continue to work towards those goals as your voice in the State Capitol.



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Help for Families Hit by the Recession

The perils of the national economic outlook is continuing to take its greatest toll on the most vulnerable...our children. In Connecticut, the effects of the recession has plunged thousands of children into poverty. *"The families in my district are some of the nation's poorest and hope for many seems so far and distant," remarked Rep. McCrory. "Although we do not have a concrete solution that would eliminate poverty in Connecticut, we should be using all of our power and authority to protect and support the children in the recession."*

My colleagues and I responded to this dire situation by becoming the first state in the nation to pass a law designed to meet the most pressing needs facing children and their families. This legislation aims to make it easier and more expedient for families in need to access assistance in hopes of minimizing the harm caused by persistent poverty. It also does the following:

- » Works to improve hunger, housing and employment services needed by children and families in an economic crisis
- » Creates a state leadership team to respond to children's issues when Connecticut's unemployment rate hits 8 percent
- » Seeks to ensure that Connecticut takes advantage of all available federal dollars
- » Seeks to make government more efficient, cost-effective and customer friendly for children and families during tough economic times
- » Helps families in the Care4Kids program by changing restrictive rules so that parents can get back into the workforce

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CT Homeowners

The state's foreclosure mediation program prohibits banks from continuing to charge homeowners late fees if the banks do not show up for mediation sessions or arrive unprepared.

The mediation program is paid through the state Department of Banking and we are now extending it until 2012.



"It's about the children and families..." State Rep. Douglas McCrory.



Strengthening Connecticut Schools

The Connecticut General Assembly's Black & Puerto Rican Caucus ended the 2010 Legislative Session on a high note with the approval of an education reform bill that addresses the dismal achievement gap between white and minority students in Connecticut. *"Parents shouldn't be forced to continue sending their children to schools that have done nothing but consistently fail them," said Rep. McCrory. "Connecticut leads the pack in a lot of things, but our state should not lead the pack in systemically failing children. Especially children from impoverished urban settings. We should all be outraged!"*

We took steps to help turn around low-achieving schools; increase our chances for federal education dollars; improve our vocational high schools and help students with autism. The legislation does the following:

- » Strengthens the state's application for federal Race To the Top education funds
- » Develops new programs to help turn around low-achieving schools
- » Improves vocational schools by adding members with manufacturing and vocational education experience to the state Board of Education
- » Protects our children with better maintained, safer buses
- » Requires public hearings before any school closures and increases parent involvement
- » Ensures adequate staff and supplies

- » Makes sure students with autism get quality services through their special education individualized education plans (IEP)

Protecting Families

Domestic Violence is a crime that has an incredible impact on the whole community. It is an unfortunate epidemic that crosses all socioeconomic and racial boundaries. According to a recent report from Hartford Police Chief Daryl Roberts, 1/3 of ALL aggravated assault in the city are related to domestic violence. With these alarming statistics on the rise, it was imperative to respond with rigorous domestic violence reform.

"When a life is lost at the hands of violence, it's one life too many," said Rep. McCrory. "But when the tragedy makes headline news on a regular basis, it's a travesty! We, as lawmakers, need to make sure we do all that we can to support and protect victims and their families."

The legislature made the most sweeping reforms to our domestic violence laws in the past 25 years, which will empower educators, service providers, law enforcement officers and survivors with new tools that make:

- » Improvements to educator training and the enforcement of protective orders
- » Employment and housing protections
- » GPS monitoring for high risk offenders
- » Additional domestic violence court dockets
- » Increased staffing at 24 hour emergency shelters

Good News for Seniors

- » Reduced cost-share for the state-funded Home Care Program for Elders from 15% to 6% – saving up to \$240 per month on average
- » Re-opened the Alzheimer's Respite Care Program that provides up to 30 days of respite care relief to family caregivers
- » Made it easier for seniors to qualify for automobile insurance discounts by completing a shorter, 4-hour, driver-safety course
- » Protected assets when a spouse enters a nursing home under Medicaid

Lower-Cost Drugs

- » Municipalities can now take advantage of lower-cost prescription drugs through state discounts
- » The bargaining power, low administrative costs, and discounts negotiated by the state will save cities and towns money

Important phone numbers

To reach many state services, call InfoLine	211
ConnPACE	800.423.5026
Medicare Hotline	800.633.4227
Long-Term Care	800.547.3443
Commission on Aging	860.240.5200
Medicare Advocacy	800.262.4414
Consumer Protection	800.842.2649
CT Veterans Affairs	860.616.3600
CT Elder Services	866.218.6631
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