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Prompt Treatment of Allergies in Schools

With proper authorization, some students suffering from asthma or allergies can carry inhalers and epi-pens to school should they suffer an attack while attending class. Parents should contact schools for more information.

(PA 09-155)

Preventing Cardiac Arrest in Schools

If money from federal, state or private sources is available, schools should have an automatic external defibrillator (AED) on site and school staff who is trained on how to use it.

(PA 09-94)

Healthcare for Stepchildren

Health insurance policies have to provide the same benefits to stepchildren as biological children.

(PA 09-124)

Banning Toxic Chemicals

Baby bottles and food and beverage containers containing bisphenol-A (BPA), a toxic industrial chemical, can no longer be sold in Connecticut.

(PA 09-103)

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Dear Friends,

Faced with perhaps the greatest financial deficit the state has experienced since the Great Depression, it took an extra three months and a great deal of hard work to pass a budget.

The budget we passed eliminated \$3 billion in spending and increased state income tax only on individuals earning more than \$500,000.00 per year and couples with earnings over \$1 million per year. If revenues hold up, as of January 2010 the state sales tax will be reduced by .5%. Low to moderate income people pay the greatest amount of our state's sales tax. Reducing sales tax and increasing income tax only on high income earners helps to shift the overall tax burden off of the middle class and working families.

Enclosed are a summary of a few laws passed this session to improve our quality of life. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. As always it is an honor to serve the 97th district.

Sincerely,

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- 2009 Major Public Acts
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Rep. Megna with New Haven Seniors

Help for Seniors

Expanded affordable homecare support services will allow more seniors to remain independent in their own homes instead of entering nursing homes. For more information and eligibility requirements call: 1.800.445.5394.

(PA 09-64)

Senior Discount Programs

Businesses, individuals or corporations selling goods and services at a senior citizen discount must clearly place a sign at the cash register or store entrance stating the qualifying age and discount percentage or dollar amount.

(PA 09-53)

Rep. Megna on the floor of the House



Silver Alert System

Connecticut's new "Silver Alert" program will help identify and locate missing seniors with cognitive impairments. Similar to the federal Amber Alert system for abducted children, the Silver Alert creates an emergency notification system in which law enforcement agencies broadcast local, regional, or statewide public alerts for missing seniors on radio, television, and electronic highway signs.

(PA 09-109)



Rep. Megna with Rep. Fontana, the Insurance and Real Estate Committee Co-Chair

An Act Mitigating Fire Losses for Homeowners and Business Owners

The act I wrote makes numerous changes to the standard fire insurance policy that insurers, by law, must write in Connecticut. Specifically, it:

1. Shortens the time an insurer has to file a claim from 60 to 30 days.
2. Increases the statute of limitations for filing a lawsuit relating to a claim from 12 to 18 months after sustaining a loss.
3. Allows an insured person and the insurer to agree in writing to a partial claim payment in advance of final claim settlement.
4. Requires an insurer to provide coverage for the peril of fire as a result of a terrorist act to condominium associations established since 1977.

(PA 09-164)

Mortgage Licensing Act and Foreclosure Procedures

To help prevent sub-prime mortgages in the future, the legislature imposed additional conditions on licensing mortgage professionals; banned everyone, not just mortgage brokers, from influencing residential real estate appraisals; and eliminated the maximum loan threshold for licensing small loan lenders. In addition, it made a foreclosure mediation program mandatory.

(PA 09-209)

Rep. Megna on the floor of the House



Preventing Blight

Municipalities are now allowed to create and use a registration system to track the owners of uninhabited one-to-four family dwellings obtained by foreclosure. Once ownership is established, municipalities can enforce the local and town ordinance to repair and maintain vacant real estate.

(PA 09-144)

Tweed New Haven Airport

I, along with other local legislators, introduced a bill limiting expansion of Tweed New Haven Airport. This legislation prevents the expansion of the existing airport runway and preserves quality of life and home values for those living on the East shore.

(PA 09-07; Sept. Special Session)

Expansion of the Bottle Deposit Law

After battling with special interests for years, we were successful in passing a law which will result in hundreds of millions of water bottles being recycled each year, here in our state, rather than being sent to the landfill.

(PA 09-02)

Street Racing

Any vehicle used for illegal street racing will be impounded for 30 days and fines will be significantly increased.

(PA 09-120)

Motor Vehicle Repairs

This new law states that you have the right to choose the licensed repair shop where the damage to your motor vehicle will be repaired. No insurance company doing business in this state, or agent or adjuster for the company is allowed to specify the repairshop where you must do business or risk having your claim paid.

(PA 09-237)

Public Safety

Now cities and towns are allowed to adopt "blocking the box" rules that would prohibit cars and trucks from going through certain intersections if it would block other vehicles from being able to cross the intersection.

(PA 09-171)

Your New Haven Delegation

