



Rep. Megna on New Haven Day at the Capitol.

Dear Neighbor,
The state of Connecticut faced many challenges in 2013. I'm proud to have participated in a legislative session that successfully met those challenges and moved the state in a positive direction.

After Sandy Hook the legislature listened to Connecticut residents and worked in a bipartisan manner to improve firearm safety. Our comprehensive response also addressed school security and access to mental health services in an effort to prevent future tragedies.

While the legislature's response to the tragedy in Sandy Hook took center stage, we also looked to our future and adopted a Comprehensive Energy Strategy (CES), invested in our flagship university and worked to make our state more economically competitive by convening the Commission on Municipal Opportunities and Regional Efficiencies (MORE).

We also balanced our budget while maintaining assistance to the City of New Haven – with no new taxes.

We gave seniors a choice in their long-term care through "Aging in Place", assisted struggling homeowners by improving the foreclosure mediation process and increased funding for affordable housing.

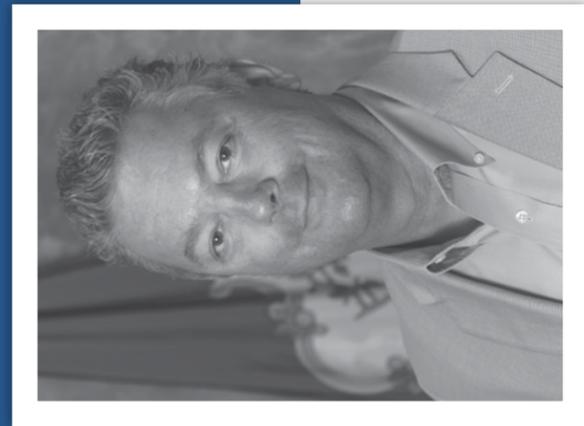
In addition, I worked on several bills important to New Haven, which are briefly described in this mailer.

It is a pleasure to serve you and I look forward to answering your questions about any issues facing our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Bob".

Representative Bob Megna



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STORM SANDY

In response to a public hearing held in our district earlier this year, numerous consumer protections laws were established, helping homeowners and business owners when presenting a claim to an insurance company. Protections such as the requirement that an insurance company match undamaged items of a building with those repaired; a mediation program paid for by the insurance company during disputes; protections to property owners when signing contracts with public adjusters and remediation companies. We also prevented insurance companies from not renewing homeowner policies because of having a storm claim.

ILLEGAL USE OF DIRT BIKES AND ATVS

Responding to many complaints throughout the city of New Haven, we passed legislation to empower New Haven to substantially increase the fine for illegal dirt bike and ATV use on city property from \$250 to \$2,000.

CONDOMINIUMS

Condominium associations can recoup a greater amount of unpaid common fees. We increased the priority lien from six to nine months. This will help reduce fees for other unit owners who pay their bills on time. **HB 6447** also subjects condominium property managers to disciplinary actions for violating condominium law.



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SCHOOL SAFETY

Parents need peace of mind knowing that their children are safe in our schools. Many districts have armed school resource police officers and others have security guards. The law now requires an armed security guard working in a school to meet certain requirements. This ensures that an armed guard, who is not a police officer, receives the same training on school security and firearms as active duty police officers.

EXPANDING VETERANS' PROTECTIONS

One way to thank our veterans for all they do is to make life easier for them. **HB 6348** does many things, among them: Permitting unpaid state military duty for the state's armed forces and its retirees and giving the state's armed forces and its retirees, when performing state military duty, the same workers' compensation protections as state employees.

SENIORS

The state is committed to giving seniors a choice in their long term care and support services. New legislation requires the Commission on Aging to establish and facilitate partnerships with municipal leaders, planning and zoning boards and social service organizations to encourage collaborative efforts to long term care planning.



Rep. Megna and Sen. Crisco receiving the 2013 Annual Leadership Award from Thomas Hodson, President of Captive Insurance.

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Rep. Megna and Rep. Wright discussing legislation this past session.