



New Haven Legislative Update

This year we made a plan to protect people who can't protect themselves, victims of domestic violence and children at risk due to the poor economy. In addition we passed an energy bill that will reduce electric rates for families and business, and create and retain green jobs. I hope you find this information helpful.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions on these programs or any other issue.



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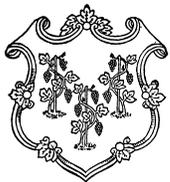
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ENVIRONMENT, FARMS AND JOB CREATION

This year the legislature worked hard strengthening laws to protect our environment, while creating and sustaining CT jobs. In order to support family farms and local businesses that provide these jobs, we worked on legislation that:

- Allows farms to seek new products to sell
- Expands agricultural markets
- Sustains existing farms, and
- Creates the need to farm more land.

We looked at expanding the biodiesel industry in the State. As a result, New Haven will have a biodiesel facility in our district that employs about 20 people, adding to the list of new, green jobs.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

In 2008 there were over 20,000 arrests for domestic violence, or thirty percent of all criminal court dockets. This is a tremendous cost to the state court system.

To help stop these crimes, we passed the most comprehensive reform to our domestic violence laws in 25 years.

The changes include GPS monitoring for the highest risk offenders, improvements on the enforcement of protective orders, expansion of domestic violence court dockets, improvements on employment and rental agreement protections for domestic violence victims, and increases in staffing at domestic violence shelters.

ENERGY, AFFORDABLE RATES, JOBS

This year's ENERGY BILL marks a major step towards a cleaner, more efficient, and more affordable energy future for Connecticut families, businesses and municipalities. The changes will:

- Reduce electric rates for families and businesses
- Create and retain 21st century clean energy jobs
- Increase use of renewable solar, wind and fuel cell power that reduces dependence on fossil fuels

It will also create innovative financing programs to help families and businesses invest in energy efficiency and clean energy technologies that can cut energy costs and put money back in your pocket.

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