

Dear Friends,

I'd like to extend my thanks to the voters of the 145th District of Stamford for giving me the opportunity to serve you in the State Assembly. It is a privilege and honor to do so, and I renew my commitment to represent your interests in Hartford to the best of my abilities.

I am pleased that I will be serving on the Appropriations, Education, and Government Administration and Elections Committees.

This promises to be a most challenging year for all of us. The worldwide economic crisis is having a dramatic impact on our state, on our cities and towns, and on each of us.

Our job is to work cooperatively, imaginatively and purposefully to improve the lives of all of our citizens. This means making difficult decisions to balance the budget, but also maintaining critical investments in our economy and our future – investments in jobs, public health, energy efficiency, the environment and funding our municipalities.

To be effective, I need to hear from you. Let me know your thoughts on issues, your concerns, and your ideas for the best solutions to our challenges. Please call me at 1.800.842-8267 or write me at patricia.miller@cga.ct.gov so that together we can build a better Stamford and a better State of Connecticut for all of us.

I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,


Patricia Billie Miller
State Representative, 145th District



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Budget

- Connecticut is facing one of the worst budget deficits in history. Streamlining government and making it more efficient can save money for our state and municipalities. Increased federal funding should stimulate our economy by creating new jobs, expanding state health care and unemployment programs, and solidifying our infrastructure.

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.

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.

Affordable Housing

- Connecticut's competitiveness is tied directly to our ability to provide affordable housing and attract and retain the talented human capital 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.

Energy Assistance and Conservation Programs

- Rising utility costs have affected all of us. Connecticut has energy assistance programs that may help you cover energy costs or weatherization improvements. Please call Infoline at 2-1-1 for programs and guidelines. As your State Representative I will work to ensure that funding is continued for programs that provide assistance to residents.



Representative Miller serving as Speaker of the House during a Technical Session

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