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PLEASE RETURN THIS SURVEY. I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU!

**PATRICIA BILLIE  
MILLER**  
State Representative

Representing Stamford | 145th District



## 2010 Constituent Survey

Dear Neighbor:

As your Representative, it is important to me that I represent the interests of the people of the 145th District to the best of my abilities. 2009 was a very difficult year for our country as well as the residents of our state. In the Legislature, we had to deal with the challenging affects of the current recession. For example, the demand for public services such as Unemployment Compensation and Medicaid increased while our state revenues decreased by 27%.

As we prepare for the 2010 Legislative session, the challenges we face promise to be no less trying. With this in mind, I would like to know the thoughts and concerns of my constituents. Please fill out and return this survey. Your input will assist me when writing and voting on bills during the 2010 session.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey and, as always, please feel free to contact me on any issue which is important to you.



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Your Opinion Counts!  
*Survey 2010*

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## What concerns you and your family the most?

Please check all that apply.

- Things are fine as they are
- I'm afraid I'll lose my job
- I'm afraid I'll lose my home
- I've lost my job and my prospects for another are lower than I'd like
- There aren't enough career opportunities for me or my kids
- I really can't afford health care or health insurance
- I'm afraid I'll lose my pension
- I really can't afford car insurance
- I can't find an affordable place to live
- I'm afraid of being victimized by criminals or drug abusers
- I'm afraid of increasing costs of gasoline, heating oil, and electricity
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

## What is the most serious problem facing our neighborhood?

Please check all that apply.

- Things are fine as they are
- Quality of our children's education
- Lack of affordable housing
- Lack of sense of security
- Drug abuse
- Traffic congestion
- Homelessness
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

## Balancing The Budget: The Spending Side.

Our state is facing a budget deficit of historic proportions and unlike the federal government, our Constitution requires us to balance the budget. In order to do this, we must be creative, bold, and self-sacrificing. I cannot ask what program you would spend more on, or even spend the same on. I must ask that, if you were voting on the state budget, which of these programs would you cut a lot, cut a little, or try to protect. Please check one box for each program.

	A lot	Some	Protect		A lot	Some	Protect
Aid to Businesses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Open Space Land Purchases	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Aid to Families with Children	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prescription Drugs for Seniors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Aid to the Disabled	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prescription Drugs for Families	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Aid to the Mentally Ill	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Protecting the Environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
or Developmentally Disabled				Prisons	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Aid to Municipalities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rental Assistance for Families	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Buses and Railroads	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rental Assistance for Seniors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Crime Victim Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Roads, Bridges and Highways	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public Schools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The State Courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drug Abuse Prevention Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	State Universities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drug Abuse Rehabilitation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The State Police	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health Care Assistance for Seniors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Veterans' Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-Profit Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				

To help balance the budget, what state program or service that you use would you be willing to give up or reduce?

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## Balancing The Budget: The Revenue.

If, after you have made necessary cuts in good conscience, the budget was still not balanced, which of these revenue proposals would you choose? Please check "yes" or "no" to each proposal.

- Yes  No Increase the income tax on individuals who earn \$250,000 or higher a year
- Yes  No Increase the income tax on all individuals
- Yes  No Increase the sales tax rate
- Yes  No Expand the sales tax to more items
- Yes  No Apply the sales tax to items bought on the Internet
- Yes  No Increase taxes on businesses and corporations
- Yes  No Increase the tax on alcohol and tobacco
- Yes  No Allow the sale of alcohol on Sundays
- Yes  No Increase the gas tax
- Yes  No Increase the gas tax on gas-guzzling motor vehicles
- Yes  No Increase licensing fees (Ex: barbers, nurses, carpenters, plumbers)
- Yes  No Create a tax on junk foods
- Yes  No Put tolls on Connecticut highways at the borders