



Rep. Miller works on legislation in the House Chamber

Protecting our Environment

As a member of the Environment Committee, I was proud to have worked on a number of efforts preserving Connecticut's natural beauty and ensuring a safer environment including the following initiatives:

Eliminating Toxic BPA

We have already banned the chemical BPA from infant formula and baby food containers. Now we have moved to eliminate BPA from cash register receipt paper. BPA exposure is linked to various illnesses and ailments including:

- Prostate cancer
- Breast cancer
- Obesity
- Attention Deficit Disorder
- Hyperactivity Disorder
- Disruption in reproduction and fertility (including damage to fetus)

Old Cans of Paint

We've taken another step toward removing toxins from our environment with a new environmentally sound, cost effective "paint stewardship" program for the management of old paint. When buying paint, consumers will receive information about where to dispose of it, including procedures for collecting, storing, transporting, reusing and recycling.

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Rep. Miller speaks at Haddam's "Celebrate your land" picnic.



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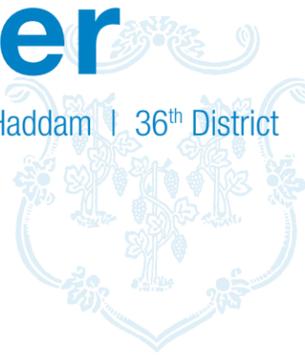
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Helping Seniors

The legislature focused on improving the quality of life for our senior citizens this year by:

- Allowing people to enroll in the ConnPACE plan if they are not eligible for Medicare
- Rejecting the Governor's proposal to significantly raise cost-sharing in the Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders
- Expanding the state's Money Follows the Person program
- Establishing Nursing Home Grievance Committees at each facility

In addition, grandparent's rights will be the subject of a special study aimed at enhancing their ability to seek visitation rights.

Helping with Grocery Bills

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (the Food Stamp program) has grown, making it easier for seniors to qualify and better afford their groceries. A household of two can earn up to \$2,248 monthly and still qualify for assistance. More information is available at: 800.742.6906

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Following a special election earlier this year, I was sworn in as the new State Representative for Essex, Chester, Deep River and Haddam in March.

This year the legislature faced a one-two punch: a sputtering economy and a budget deficit. It was very challenging, but we crafted a solution that includes spending cuts, investments in job creation, increased funding for our local public schools and a commitment to a leaner more efficient state government.

We are on the road to economic recovery, but many obstacles remain. We must continue to focus on job growth, rein in spending and push our state agencies to do more with less.

Having served as Essex First Selectman since 2003, I decided not to run for municipal office this year so that I could concentrate on working toward these goals as your voice in the State Capitol.

My heartfelt thanks goes out to the hundreds of constituents for reaching out to me through emails, phone calls and letters of support. Your input is very much appreciated and has helped me focus on what is important for our community.

Please keep in touch! Email me at philip.miller@cga.ct.gov or call me at 860-240-8585.

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Rep. Miller speaking with Congressman Joe Courtney

Better Health Care Access & Affordability

Health care benefits are one of the largest expenses faced by individuals and employers. We enacted an important new law that protects and increases access to quality, affordable health care.

The Connecticut Health Care Partnership offers the state health insurance coverage to municipalities and to non-profit organizations. Taking advantage of the increased bargaining power and reduced administrative costs associated with the state plan will allow municipalities and non-profits to provide quality care with less cost. When municipalities save money on health care, those savings help to keep property taxes down.

Child Safety

Children need our help in emergency situations which is why we amended the state's civil preparedness plan to include:

- Evacuation and removal to a safe location
- Parents to be notified
- Reunification of parents with their children
- Care for children with special needs

Background checks on all public school job applicants will become mandatory and laws about reporting and investigating cases of abuse or neglect have been expanded.

Saluting Our Veterans

Veterans, along with their families, have sacrificed so much so we can enjoy our freedom and a democratic way of life. Veterans' bills passed this session:

- Offer veteran license plates to a member of the U. S. armed forces or his or her surviving spouse
- Allow veteran status to be on a driver's license or identity card
- Provide disabled wartime veterans with free parking, admission, and boat access parking to state recreational areas
- Expand the waiver of property tax interest for certain armed forces members in Iraq and Afghanistan
- Waive the \$20 fee for one certified copy of a veteran's death certificate when requested by family
- Create a one-stop website for services available for veterans
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