

**STATE AID TO WETHERSFIELD
FOR FISCAL YEARS 2016 & 2017**

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| PILOT: State Property | \$370,764 |
| PILOT: College & Hospital | \$28,012 |
| Pequot Grants | \$440,431 |
| Municipal Revenue Sharing Account (MRSA) | \$1,353,493 |
| School Transportation | \$205,260 |
| Adult Education | \$58,650 |
| Education Cost Sharing | \$18,570,799 |
| Town Aid Road | \$806,096 |
| Grant for Municipal Projects | \$43,570 |
| LoCIP | \$365,804 |
| Total State Funds to Wethersfield | \$22,242,879 |

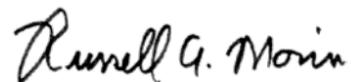
Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It is an honor to represent you in the General Assembly for another term. There have been many intensely debated issues this legislative session and it has been a privilege to represent the people of Wethersfield in each of those discussions.

Small businesses are the backbone of our state and local economy. That's why we increased municipal aid to help ease the property tax burden for working families and our state's many small businesses. The legislature has consistently made small business a priority over the years by creating and expanding the Small Business Express program, which has created thousands of jobs across the state.

I hope that you find this information to be of use and please do not hesitate to call my office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Russell A. Morin



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ESTABLISHING A BILL OF RIGHTS FOR RESIDENTS OF CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES

The legislature created a bill of rights for senior citizens living in continuing care retirement communities. This bill of rights gives residents a voice in decisions that affect them within these communities. It requires transparency regarding the financial stability of the facility, and notification to residents of major construction or any changes in ownership. It also gives residents more independence in making decisions about their medical care and assisted living services, and requires reasonable accommodations for disabilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Effective Date: October 1, 2015

ASSISTANCE FOR VETERANS

This year, we supported and advanced legislation that recognizes the important sacrifices veterans have made while defending our country. We have increased services available to veterans on state college and university campuses; established the Connecticut Women Veterans' Program; created the Veterans to Agriculture Program; and we are ensuring veterans have housing.

Since 1940, the Veterans Home in Rocky Hill has served our vets in need with a range of rehabilitative, medical, and vocational services. A new law implements several recommendations from a 2014 study, including developing a process for residents to file complaints; ensuring that no veteran goes without housing should something happen to the Home; and allowing residents two more seats on the Board of Trustees.



Rep. Morin participating in the annual Help-A-Hero supply drive for homeless veterans.

PATIENT DESIGNATED CAREGIVERS

Some patients end up returning to the hospital soon after discharge because they had not been instructed properly on their follow-up care or were unable to follow instructions. A new law, the CARE, (Caregiver Advise, Record, Enable) Act, requires a hospital to document a caregiver in the patient's discharge plan, designated by the patient. They must attempt to notify the caregiver of the patient's discharge, and to instruct the caregiver on any post-discharge tasks with which the patient will need assistance.

Effective Date: October 1, 2015

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR WETHERSFIELD

Between the state budget and the implementer, Wethersfield will receive a total of \$1.7 million mainly from state sales tax revenue that will be directed toward our town for property tax relief. That's \$500,000 more than what was originally in the state budget!

"Russ Morin came out swinging for his constituents. Without Russ' perseverance and advocacy, there would have been less money allocated for Wethersfield- that's the bottom line."

-- Joe Aresimowicz, House Majority Leader



Rep. Morin greets Wethersfield students during their visit to the State Capitol.

REDUCING REQUIRED TESTING IN SCHOOLS

Since the rollout of No Child Left Behind almost 15 years ago, standardized testing has come under a lot of scrutiny. One area of concern is that there are simply too many tests. For example, juniors in high school are currently required to take the SBAC exam at a time when many of them are taking the SAT or ACT college admission tests. As we work statewide and across the country to improve the use of standardized tests, the legislature took another big step forward this year by allowing schools to waive SBAC testing for any student taking these college admissions tests.

Effective Date: July 1, 2015

STANDING UP FOR CONSUMERS

We passed a number of important consumer protection laws this year. Patients will better understand their prescriptions now that pharmacists are required to include certain information with generic drugs such as the brand name, the manufacturer's name, and the website and telephone number for the U.S. FDA's drug safety and reporting program (MedWatch). We have also prohibited companies from requiring mandatory product registration for certain consumer warranty coverage. This year, the legislature took steps to protect electric ratepayers. Now, when an electric provider is changing costs, the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) must hold at least two public hearings, which will allow consumers to speak directly with the regulating authority.

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