



Wethersfield Legislative Update

We have been working diligently this year on legislation to address the important issues facing the State of Connecticut. Earlier this year we drafted a plan to protect people who often can't protect themselves. Those who will benefit from the progress we have made are victims of domestic violence, children at risk due to the poor economy, and job losses by caregivers and the recession. We have also provided struggling towns with tight budgets, real savings through better prescription drug prices. I hope you find this information helpful. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions on these programs or any other issue that concerns you.



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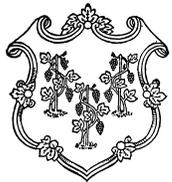
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CHILDREN IN THE RECESSION

Connecticut Acts - First In Nation

We have passed the nation's first state legislation that addresses the needs of children impacted by an economic recession. This bill addresses the issues of hunger, housing, employment opportunities, and health care needs of families impacted by the current and possible future recessions. We felt we could not wait any longer to take action against the issue of the deepest recession in our lifetime. Connecticut's children, deserve nothing less than our full attention.

STRENGTHENING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LAWS

The state wants to ensure that victims of domestic violence are receiving the help that they need. With this desire in mind, the House passed a three-part legislative package dealing with family violence in the matters of judicial and criminal justice as well as housing and human services, and education. These are the most extensive

reforms of domestic violence laws in Connecticut in the past 25 years. They include GPS monitoring for the highest risk domestic violence offenders, improvement of enforcement of protective orders, and the creation of three additional digestive violence court dockets

TOWNS SAVE ON HEALTH CARE

The House passed legislation that will lower prescription drug costs for Connecticut's towns. The bill enables municipalities to buy prescription drugs through the state employee plan. By taking advantage of the bargaining power, with low administrative costs and substantial discounts negotiated by the large state employee pool, municipalities will see substantial saving in health care costs. The bill is a remedy for ailing municipal budgets. It will give municipalities a new means for managing prescription drug costs, a key driver of the rise of health care expenses.

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