

Dear Neighbor,

I'd like to extend my thanks to the voters of Bristol/Forestville, for giving me the opportunity to continue serving you in the state legislature. 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 General Law Committee, the Transportation Committee, and as vice-chair of the Select Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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, education 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 860.240.8585 or write me at Frank.Nicastro@cga.ct.gov so that together we can build a better Bristol/Forestville and a better state in which to live.

I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

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Health Care

- Expanding the state's health care plan will give everyone in the state access to quality, affordable health care coverage and save money for taxpayers and municipalities by bulk purchasing health insurance and prescription drugs. By improving and expanding state health care programs, like HUSKY, we can cover more of Connecticut's uninsured.

Veterans

- Connecticut's veterans have given the greatest sacrifice so that we can continue to live in freedom. We must assist veterans in their transition home through educational and job training assistance. It is vital to continue to aid our disabled veterans by providing them and the Connecticut Veterans' Home in Rocky Hill appropriate funding. Giving back to those who have given up so much for us continues to be a priority of the state legislature.

Mass Transit and Transportation Infrastructure

- We look forward to the promise of significant federal funds for infrastructure projects from President Obama and Congress. We must use these and state dollars wisely to improve roads and bridges and to invest in mass transit. For too long our residents have had too few options for getting around our state. Improving existing infrastructure and expanding options for commuting will make Connecticut more competitive.

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.

Deficit Reduction

- In January and in February, I worked with other state legislators to maintain a balanced state budget by cutting excess spending while avoiding layoffs and maintaining vital programs for housing, health care, energy assistance, and the environment.



Representative Nicastro with visiting Invention Convention students.

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