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Dear Neighbor,

I wanted to send a reminder to constituents of the many valuable programs available to seniors and military veterans.

Please do not hesitate to call with any questions or concerns about these programs or any other issues.

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College Credit for Military Training

Our military veterans do not always receive college credit for training while serving our country. These are people with special training, skills, and education who, upon returning to civilian life, are ready, willing and more than qualified to enter our workforce. To help our veterans, this year I co-sponsored a bill so they do not have to take college classes that would duplicate training they have already received while serving in the military. This will save our veterans time and money, and help get them the jobs they so rightly deserve when they return to civilian life.



PROTECTING PATIENTS - Insurance companies shouldn't be practicing medicine. Step Therapy is the insurance company practice of making you try (and fail) on other drugs before getting the one your doctor first prescribed. I have co-sponsored legislation, **SB 394**, allowing doctors to override insurers when they see fit - and get people on the appropriate medication quickly and cut down on trips to the doctor and out-of-pocket expenses.

USEFUL NUMBERS

AREA AGENCY ON AGING	860-724-6443
STATE DEPARTMENT ON AGING	860-424-5274
CT PARTNERSHIP FOR LONG-TERM CARE	800-547-3443
DEPT OF LABOR PROGRAMS FOR VETS	860-263-6514
MEDICARE ADVOCACY	800-262-4414
MEDICARE HOT LINE	800-633-4227
UNCLAIMED PROPERTY HOTLINE	800-833-7318
INFOLINE	211

Aging in Place: Retaining More of Your Assets

This proposed bill allows a spouse of a long term Medicaid recipient to keep more of their assets. This legislation would increase the amount of family assets a person can retain from \$23,448 up to \$50,000 if they have a spouse residing in a long term care facility. With these additional funds, the spouse still living at home can remain independent and continue to live in the community – which is a great goal for everyone.