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2010 Constituent Survey

Dear Neighbor;

Our State and our nation have been experiencing an economic meltdown. The challenges we face are serious. I believe that together, we can address the most pressing needs of our towns and of Connecticut. In these troubled times, I appreciate the suggestions and support I have received from so many people.

I remain committed to fight to save the middle class. At the same time, we need to protect the most vulnerable among us. As I do my work at the Capitol, knowing your opinions matters to me. Please fill out his survey, attach any comments you would like and send it back to me.

I'm sorry, but the law does not allow for the surveys to be sent postage free.

Thank you for the honor of serving you.



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Your Opinion Counts!
Survey 2010

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What concerns you and your family the most?

Please check all that apply.

- Things are fine as they are
- I'm afraid I'll lose my job
- I'm afraid I'll lose my home
- I've lost my job and my prospects for another are lower than I'd like
- There aren't enough career opportunities for me or my kids
- I really can't afford health care or health insurance
- I'm afraid I'll lose my pension
- I really can't afford car insurance
- I can't find an affordable place to live
- I'm afraid of being victimized by criminals or drug abusers
- I'm afraid of increasing costs of gasoline, heating oil, and electricity
- Other _____

What is the most serious problem facing our neighborhood?

Please check all that apply.

- Things are fine as they are
- Quality of our children's education
- Lack of affordable housing
- Lack of sense of security
- Drug abuse
- Traffic congestion
- Homelessness
- Other _____

Balancing The Budget: The Spending Side.

Our state is facing a budget deficit of historic proportions and unlike the federal government, our Constitution requires us to balance the budget. In order to do this, we must be creative, bold, and self-sacrificing. Once again, I cannot ask what program you would spend more on, or even spend the same on. I must ask that, if you were voting on the state budget, which of these programs would you cut a lot, cut a little, or try to protect. Please check one box for each program.

	cut a lot	cut a little	protect		cut a lot	cut a little	protect
Aid to Businesses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Open Space Land Purchases	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Aid to Families with Children	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prescription Drugs for Seniors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Aid to the Disabled	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prescription Drugs for Families	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Aid to the Mentally Ill or Developmentally Disabled	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Protecting the Environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Aid to Municipalities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prisons	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Buses and Railroads	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rental Assistance for Families	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Crime Victim Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rental Assistance for Seniors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local Public Schools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Roads, Bridges and Highways	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drug Abuse Prevention/Rehabilitation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The State Courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health Care Assistance for Seniors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	State Universities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-Profit Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The State Police	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Veterans' Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

To help balance the budget, what state program or service that you use would you be willing to give up or reduce?

Balancing The Budget: The Revenue

If, after you have made necessary cuts in good conscience, the budget was still not balanced, which of these revenue proposals would you choose? Please check "yes" or "no" to each proposal.

- Yes No Increase the income tax on individuals who earn \$250,000 or higher a year
- Yes No Increase the income tax on all individuals
- Yes No Increase the sales tax rate
- Yes No Expand the sales tax to more items
- Yes No Apply the sales tax to items bought on the Internet
- Yes No Increase taxes on businesses and corporations
- Yes No Increase the tax on alcohol and tobacco
- Yes No Allow the sale of alcohol on Sundays
- Yes No Increase the gas tax
- Yes No Increase the gas tax on gas-guzzling motor vehicles
- Yes No Increase licensing fees (Ex: barbers, nurses, carpenters, plumbers)
- Yes No Create a tax on junk foods
- Yes No Put tolls on Connecticut highways at the borders