



Rep. Perone discusses policy in the House Chamber with former Rep. James Shapiro.

Connecticut's Energy Future

We helped lower energy costs and your electric rates — among the highest in the country — while moving the state toward clean and efficient energy. By creating the new Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), we now have a single state agency focused on energy issues. The bill seeks to help create industries, jobs and businesses necessary to support a clean energy economy for the future.

Housing Update

Across Connecticut, residents care about their living conditions and want to improve housing at every level. This year, we improved the quality-of-life and enhanced basic rights in housing by giving tenants and condominium owners more direct involvement in the building's administration and their own living conditions.

Better Health Care Access & Affordability

Health care benefits are one of the largest expenses faced by individuals and employers. We combined two major health care reforms that protect and increase access to quality, affordable health care.

The Connecticut Health Care Partnership offers the state health insurance coverage to municipalities and to non-profit organizations. Taking advantage of the increased bargaining power and reduced administrative costs associated with the state plan will allow municipalities and non-profits to provide quality care with less cost. When municipalities save money on health care, those savings are passed down to property taxpayers.

In addition, better health care delivery will be attained for individuals and groups through a comprehensive plan that lays out a framework for a state-wide health care delivery system that also leverages the state health plan pool to contain costs and promote preventive care.

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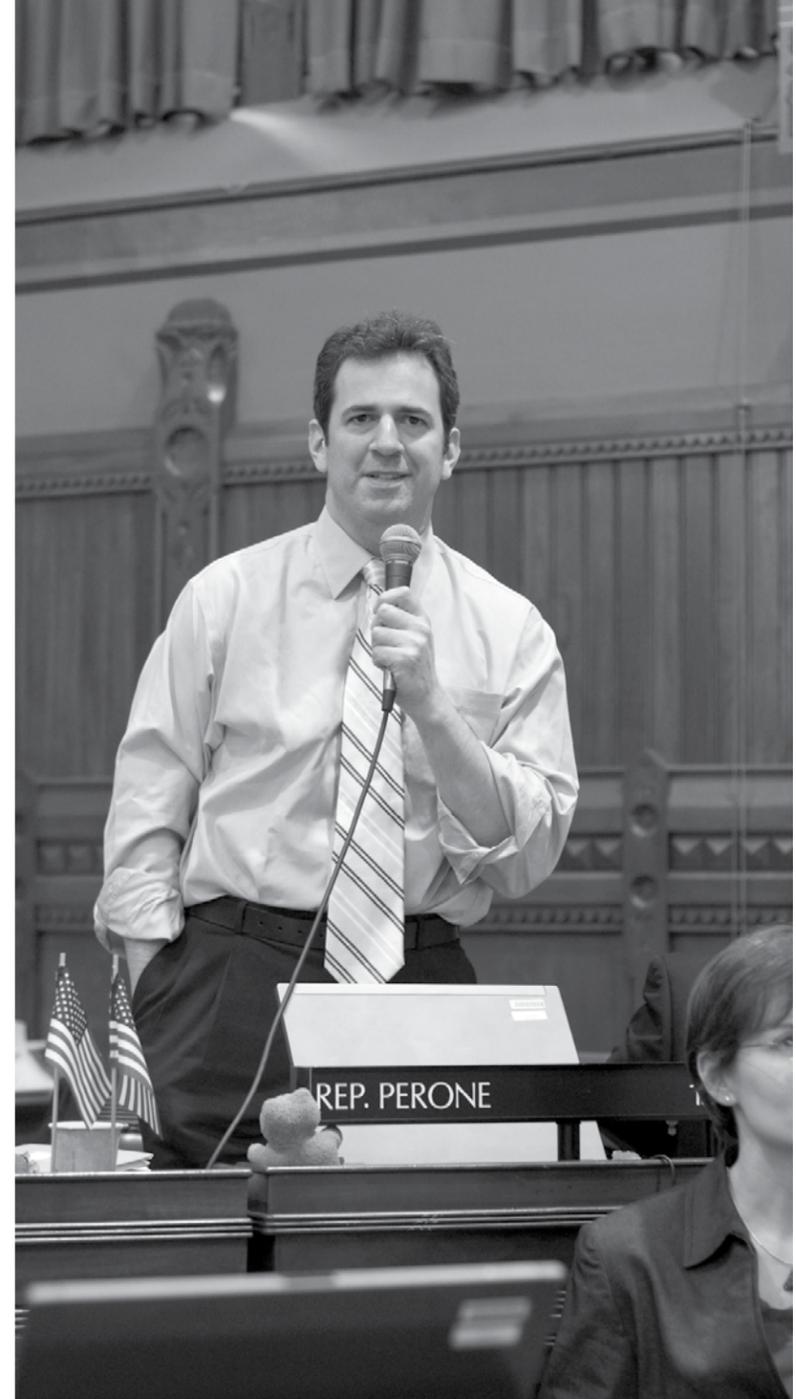
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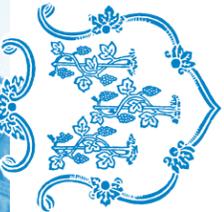
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Streamlining Government

To address the state budget crisis we cut costs and streamlined government. Connecticut is being run more efficiently this year with:

- State agency consolidations
- Upgraded technology
- Over \$700 million in spending cuts
- No borrowing
- Fully funded pension obligations
- A commitment to staying below the constitutional spending cap

Special October Session on Jobs

The legislature recently held a special session to further improve Connecticut's job creation climate. The new law:

- Cut the business entity tax in half
- Provided \$10 million to manufacturers to train and hire employees
- Expanded existing job creation tax credits to \$500 and \$900 for hiring the unemployed, disabled or veterans
- Increased training and education at vocational schools, community colleges and universities to meet the high-demand job needs of manufacturing and IT employers, matching their needs to the education curriculum
- Cut red tape by eliminating or consolidating burdensome state regulations
- Began a LEAN-method analysis to improve government efficiency
- Improved the state's information technology portal for businesses
- Creates a pilot program for pre-permitting, to clean and sell vacant property faster
- Approves certain economic development projects in 60 days
- Builds innovation centers in key cities and invests in innovative ventures
- Creates a second "First Five" program for larger businesses
- Improves the incentives for "angel investments" in emerging technologies
- Improves Main Street commercial centers in small towns
- Markets local CT wine at wine festivals

Jackson Labs

The investment in the UConn Health Center has already spurred interest in private labs coming to Connecticut to strengthen our bioscience industry cluster. The public-private partnership investing in Jackson Labs is expected to create 900 construction jobs and more than 6,600 long term jobs over 20 years.

CREATING JOBS

The Legislature made sure Connecticut was open for business by enacting laws that:

- Encourage businesses to create jobs by providing tax incentives through the "First Five" program
- Expand our reinvestments in manufacturing
- Provide student loan reimbursements for green-tech degree holders after two years employment in the field
- Create the Connecticut Airport Authority to run our airports as economic engines for the economy
- Save our vocational high schools that teach the skills that put people to work.

Majority Leaders' Roundtable

This is my second year being part of a group of legislators working with universities, economists and businesses to explore new ways of improving our state's business climate. This act provides tax incentives for small manufacturers to save money for training workers and acquiring facilities and equipment. It also helps graduates of state colleges and vocational high schools to save money toward buying their first home in Connecticut with the Learn Here, Live Here program, starting in 2014.

UConn Health Center Renovation

Passage of a bill to overhaul the University of Connecticut Health Center was an important legislative achievement of the session. The new law will create a major bioscience research center and thousands of new jobs at the UConn Health Center.

The proposal will add a patient care tower, upgrade the main building, create a new ambulatory care center and outpatient facilities, as well as renovate existing research space and construct additional parking. It will put people back to work and boost economic growth with:

- 3,000 new construction jobs estimated
- 100 additional medical school students
- 48 more dental school students
- 50 new medical researchers

Start-Up Business

Connecticut Innovations, our state's public-private venture capital firm, will create a program that matches financial assistance to private investments. These "private investments" may include university funds that are not from state money or tuition funds. This program should place university start-up companies on a level playing field with other businesses, helping them commercialize their technology and ideas.

Brownfield Remediation

We funded clean up and re-use of "brownfields"—contaminated and long abandoned properties that can be remediated and turned into productive and safe sites for economic development, open space or other public uses.

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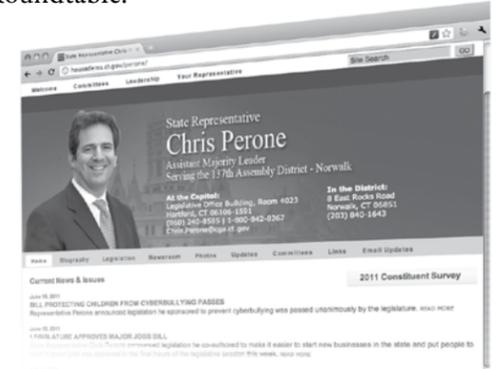
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Rep. Perone speaks to the accomplishments of the Majority Leaders' Job Growth Roundtable.

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Energy Assistance

If you are having trouble paying your heating bills during the cold winter months, you may be eligible for financial help through the Connecticut Energy Assistance Program. To learn more contact Norwalk Economic Opportunity Now (NEON) at 203-899-2420, or go to the website:

www.neonca.org/2011_EnergyApplication.html



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