

PROHIBITING THE STORAGE OR DISPOSAL OF FRACKING WASTE IN CONNECTICUT

Hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, is a technique that some states are using to extract natural gas by injecting water and chemicals into shale rock deep in the earth. Although Connecticut does not possess the natural gas that would open our state to actual fracking, we need to ensure our state's safety from the byproducts being shipped in from other states. During a three-year moratorium, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection will study the contents of the fluids and make regulations from these findings. We also banned the sale, manufacture, distribution, or use of any fracking product for the purpose of anti-icing, pre-wetting, or dust suppression.

KEEPING UTC IN CT

Connecticut's largest private employer, United Technologies Corporation, will spend up to \$500 million over the next five years to upgrade and expand its aerospace research & development and manufacturing facilities, as well as up to \$4 billion in research and other capital improvements. Their commitment to keeping their home in Connecticut is not only great for our economy, but represents a turning point in our image as a business-friendly state.



SUPPORTING BUSINESSES TO GROW

Small manufacturers in Connecticut are an important source of jobs and the engine of economic growth. We work hard to provide support to these businesses through programs like the Manufacturing Reinvestment Account program (MRA). The MRA is designed to help small manufacturers fund capital investments and train their workers. This year, we made it easier for businesses to take advantage of the program by increasing the number of employees an employer may have to be eligible for the program from 50 to 150.



SOCIAL ENTERPRISE CORPORATIONS

Social Enterprise Businesses are a hybrid between the traditional for-profit business model and the nonprofit model. These businesses operate like traditional corporations but they must have the purpose of creating a material, positive impact on society and the environment stated in their articles of incorporation. They may also identify the specific public benefits that they seek to create.

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Dear Neighbor:

I am pleased to share with you this update on the recently concluded legislative session. Each year brings a new set of challenges, and the 2014 session was no different. The need to encourage economic growth, help working families, and make critical investments in the future of our children, as well as our state, was clear.

Meeting these priorities while also adopting a balanced budget with no new taxes took a lot of hard work, but I am happy to report to you that my colleagues and I were able to achieve our goals.

Working in a bipartisan manner, we were able to increase funding for education and enable more children to attend pre-school. We also made additional investments in job creation programs such as STEP-UP, which encourages employers to hire veterans and the unemployed, and will help our economy grow.

I hope you find the enclosed information helpful and will feel free to call or email me for any reason — legislative or otherwise. It is my pleasure and honor to serve as your state representative.

Thank you,

Rep. Chris Perone

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GRANTS AND STATE AID TO NORWALK

Norwalk has received over \$100 million from the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) tax credit programs and grants since 2006. Connecticut has also seen a clear increase in state assistance since the state's business development programs were improved and streamlined in 2010. Removing barriers to assistance in the application process is what Norwalk businesses need, what they've been demanding, and it is what we are seeing begin to happen.



Rep. Perone discussing legislation



Rep. Perone with Joseph Carbone

HELPING SENIORS REMAIN IN THEIR HOMES

Most seniors would prefer to live in their own homes for as long as possible. We have taken steps to help make this happen. This year we created a \$6 million grant program for home modifications and other assistive technology that will allow people to remain in their homes.

The program is open to seniors and individuals with disabilities who are at risk of being unable to live independently without the modifications.



Rep. Perone debating a bill on the House floor

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ENHANCING SCHOOL SAFETY

In 2013 we passed landmark school safety legislation. This year we added several new safety measures, including a study that will consider establishing a student safety hotline, a safe travel to school grant program, and clarifications to the safe school climate statutes, which include requiring that the student surveys be anonymous.

IMPROVING ACCESS TO UNIVERSAL PRE-K

The newly established Office of Early Childhood will develop a plan to improve access to preschool programs and achieve universal pre-K in Connecticut. In the meantime, we have increased school readiness reimbursements and added 1,020 new preschool slots. We also created a floor rather than a ceiling for Competitive School Districts, allowing these districts to receive more than the \$107,000 grant to accommodate additional preschool spaces.



Rep. Perone and Sen. Duff at the Norwalk Community Health Center Reach Out and Read Event.

HELPING STUDENTS WITH ALLERGIES

A study has shown that approximately 24% of life-threatening anaphylactic reactions occur in individuals who did not know they were allergic. Injected epinephrine (via an EpiPen) can relieve the symptoms almost immediately and give the victim more time to get additional emergency treatment. School nurses or principals must now select qualified school professionals to be trained in administering epinephrine with an EpiPen. This training could save the life of a child having an anaphylactic reaction. Schools must also now keep EpiPens on school grounds for emergency use. The more people who are trained to administer this lifesaving drug, the more likely that a child having a reaction can be saved.

HELPING OUR VETS FIND JOBS AND HOUSING



The Roger Ludlow Monument

HELP FOR JOBLESS VETERANS

This session we worked to streamline the state licensing process for our job-seeking veterans. Connecticut veterans can now apply their military training toward occupational licenses, including public safety positions and a variety of trades. In addition, college credits can be awarded for specialty training and apprenticeship credits applied to specific trades.

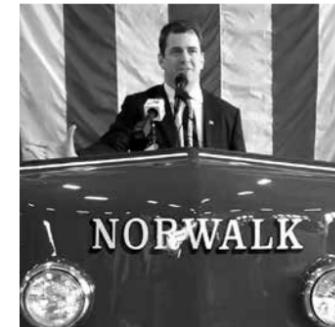
STOLEN VALOR

It's a crime to lie about receiving a military medal or other Congressional decoration with the intent to

fraudulently obtain money, property or other tangible benefits. It is also a crime to wear a military uniform with the intent to commit fraud. Violators can receive a fine between \$500 and \$1,000, up to six months imprisonment, or both.

ESTABLISHING THE CONNECTICUT PORT AUTHORITY

Connecticut's three deep-water ports have long been neglected and underutilized. This year we established a Connecticut Port Authority to improve our ports —increasing trade throughout our state, growing our maritime economy with newly created jobs, and reducing the strain and congestion on our roads and bridges. The Port Authority will take advantage of Connecticut's unique geographic position to offer niche services for freight shipping across the eastern U.S., and serve as an alternative to New York and Boston. This quasi-public agency will be fully operational in October 2015 and will promote commerce and thoughtful development along our major coastal cities.



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