

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

ROBYN PORTER



Dear Neighbor,

With the conclusion of this year's legislative session, I would like to thank you for allowing me to represent you. I am extremely humbled by the honor to serve you. In this update, I have provided a few useful numbers for state services and contact information about some fun summer resources our city provides. In addition, I have included information about some legislation we passed this year that will help working families in Connecticut to have more money in their pockets and accrue savings.

As we continue our work, I look forward to making a positive impact in our district and state and I will do my utmost to remain accessible and to keep you informed on legislative matters. Therefore, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. Your input is an essential part of my effort to be an authentic voice and effective representative for you in Hartford, and together I know that we can and will affect the change that we need to see in our community!

Sincerely,

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USEFUL NUMBERS

INFOLINE	2-1-1
Consumer Protection	800-842-2649
CT Tax Department	860-297-5962
Healthcare Advocate	866-466-9446
Unclaimed Property Hotline	800-833-7318
ConnPACE	800-423-5026
CT Veterans Affairs	866-928-8387

SUMMER CONTACT INFORMATION

Parks & Recreation Department	203-946-8027
Tax Collector	203-946-8054
Public Pools & Splash Pad	203-946-8088

**FOR INFORMATION ON SUMMER PROGRAMS VISIT:
WWW.CITYOFNEWHAVEN.COM/PARKS**

EARN MORE, SAVE MORE

RAISING THE MINIMUM WAGE

The Legislature passed SB 32, an increase to the minimum wage to \$10.10 by 2017. The state minimum wage is currently \$8.25 and will rise incrementally to \$9.15 by January 1, 2015, then to \$9.60 by January 2, 2016, and finally to \$10.10 on January 1, 2017.

This wage increase will help thousands of working families in Connecticut who are struggling to make ends meet. It will also help to stimulate our economy; studies show minimum wage earners deposit practically the entire sum of their paychecks back into their neighborhoods, which bolsters local economies.

RETIREMENT SAVINGS BILL

Unfortunately, like much of the nation, Connecticut is facing a retirement crisis. The average American spends twenty years in retirement. However, most Americans are not prepared for retirement and less than half have calculated how much they need to save.

In an effort to address this crisis, the legislature passed SB 249 that establishes a study for a program that would allow persons whose employers do not offer a pre-tax savings plan to accrue savings in a relatively low-cost, low-risk investment vehicle for retirement, while allowing them some of the tax benefits associated with these kinds of asset options. These increased options for retirement savings will reduce the number of seniors living in poverty.



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