

CREATING JOBS FOR CONNECTICUT

My top priority continues to be jobs and economic development. I serve on the Life Sciences Advisory Board, working to grow Connecticut's bioscience, engineering, pharmaceutical, data processing and manufacturing assets—creating a critical mass that attracts new companies, expands existing ones and promotes strategic collaborations.

- We broke ground for Bioscience Connecticut, that includes a \$1.1 billion Jackson Laboratory facility devoted to the revolutionary field of personalized medicine. Projected construction, research and spin-off jobs for Jackson Labs total 7600.
- Fast-growing Alexion Pharmaceuticals announced it will boost Bioscience Connecticut by building its new headquarters in New Haven, bringing at least 650 jobs, plus 2000 construction and spin-off jobs.
- We met in special session to expand the Small Business Express Program, allowing another 3600 Connecticut businesses to pursue much-needed funding for capital investments and new hires.
- Discussions are underway with many more companies as news spreads that *Connecticut Means Business!*



Rep. Reed, Rep. Patricia Widlitz & UCONN President Susan Herbst at the ground-breaking for Jackson Laboratory at the UCONN Medical Center.

CELL TOWER REGULATIONS

Working with bipartisan colleagues, I fought to get our Cell Tower Bill enacted. The battle began when neighborhoods and scenic treasures in Branford and other communities were besieged with Cell Tower Proposals. Our new law recognizes that better cell service is imperative, but allows communities to participate more fully in the siting process.

The new law:

- Extends the pre-application process from 60 to 90 days, giving towns more time to research and recommend their own site suggestions.
- Compels the Siting Council, whenever possible, to avoid placing cell towers in residential neighborhoods and within 250 feet of schools or child daycare centers.



Cosgrove Animal Shelter Director Laura Burban testified for a bill introduced by Rep. Reed allowing shelters to send pets to new homes already spayed/neutered and vaccinated. And the pet lemon law now allows families to keep their pets and still be reimbursed by pet stores for certain vet bills.

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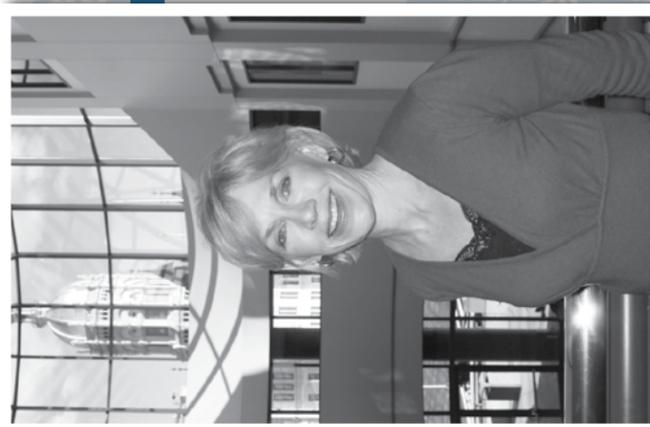
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CAPITOL NEWS 2012

Dear Neighbors,

Extraordinary economic challenges require bold responses. This session, we acted to help speed Connecticut's recovery and to build a better, brighter, more sustainable future.



We expanded our very successful Jobs Bill; broke ground on Bioscience Connecticut; initiated a comprehensive approach to Education Reform; and passed a Storm Response Act to make our energy utilities and vital communications systems more dependable and less vulnerable.

These mercurial times demand we reduce the cost of government while also protecting essential services and making smart investments that create jobs, inspire innovation and attract opportunities.

I am eternally grateful to so many of you who continue to communicate with me often, sharing your concerns, observations, advice and expertise. Your constant participation in our democratic process is invaluable.

I hope you find these newsletter highlights helpful and informative.

There is still much to be done, but Connecticut is moving in the right direction.

I am honored to serve you and always eager to see and hear from you.

Best Wishes,

Lonnie Reed

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PROTECTING LONG ISLAND SOUND

I co-founded and co-chair the legislature's Long Island Sound Caucus. We are bipartisan and work with New York legislators on environmental, energy and economic development issues impacting the Sound.

Federal and state researchers, including UCONN Marine Biologists, have joined forces to map the sound bottom, providing intricate data that will inform public policy.



Prof. Peter Auster showing Rep. Reed images of fragile reefs discovered in Long Island Sound.

Long Island Sound Caucus Members created new laws to:

- Help towns and property owners recover from storm surge damage and plan better protection from rising seas.
- Permit Clean Water Fund reimbursements for towns that reduce phosphorous.
- Mandate the reporting of all sewage spills into Long Island Sound.



Rep. Reed aboard UCONN's RV Connecticut with a ROV submersible used to map and photograph the bottom of Long Island Sound.

HONORING OUR VETERANS

Honoring the past and present sacrifices of our veterans and their families is a major commitment of mine. This session we:

- Created more Connecticut locations for a federal program that helps veterans coping with challenges such as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.
- Expanded access to a jobs program providing incentives for businesses that hire veterans.



Rep. Reed with First Selectman Unk DaRos and Grand Marshall, Sgt. Maj. Brian Miniter.

This year's Branford Memorial Day Parade was dedicated to our beloved Captain Thomas "Tommy" Yester, U.S. Army, retired, whom we lost in February at the age of 90. Captain Yester received the Distinguished Flying Cross for his bravery as a B-26 Tail Gunner in World War II. He helped fellow veterans and headed our parade committees for years. We shall treasure him always.



Captain Yester and Rep. Reed on Memorial Day, 2010.

MANDATING STORM RESPONSE

As Vice Chair of the Energy & Technology Committee, I helped craft the new Storm Response Act to punish utilities that neglect maintenance and fail to restore power in a timely manner.



We also passed legislation that:

- Directs telecommunications and cable companies to plan for ample backup power during outages.
- Preserves the Home Energy Solutions program for fuel oil customers to reduce heating bills and emissions.
- Attracts more private investors to the DEEP Green Bank which helps fund innovative energy projects.

Rep. Reed speaks at solar panel installation ceremony in Branford.

ADVANCING EDUCATION

I fought to ensure that teachers play a key role in our historic education reform. Legislation we enacted upgrades all of our schools, not just those that are failing.

Our new law provides:

- A slight increase in ECS funds for Branford schools, despite state budget constraints.
- A commitment from the Education Commissioner to work with us to identify and meet our children's diverse and evolving education needs.
- An increase in school readiness slots for preschoolers and funding initiatives to improve early reading success.
- A strategy to better prepare children for the 21st Century workforce.



Rep. Richard Roy and Rep. Reed presenting an Academic Day excellence award to Branford's Giovanna Velazquez, who excels in the study of Nursing at Gateway Community College.



Rep. Reed with students from the Mary Murphy Elementary School.

MAKING CONNECTICUT SAFER

It was my honor last session to host 44 municipal police cadets from the Connecticut Police Academy who visited our Capitol to learn more about the making of the laws they will be sworn to uphold. Many of the cadets are Armed Services veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan. It marked the first time in 40 years that a cadet class had visited the Capitol.

They heard from several legislators, Lt. Governor Wyman and Governor Malloy, who urged the cadets to stay engaged with the legislative process by sharing the experiences and concerns acquired while protecting the public safety.



Class 336 Presents Rep. Reed with an Academy Cap and Plaque.

