

Dear Neighbor,

This year, we created a state budget that focused on preserving city and town budgets, increasing public education funding, and investing in transportation. Most people will see reductions in their car taxes in July of 2016 and even more savings in July of 2017, and most municipalities will see increased funding through property tax reforms.

The new state budget also established long-term investments in transportation such as highways, buses and railways statewide. The improvements are needed to repair aging infrastructure such as bridges and support connections for commuters and businesses. Steps that will help our economy grow.

We aim to be competitive with neighboring states, especially with our business community. This year, we did this by continuing to fund a public education system and universities that produce highly skilled workers, and by keeping property taxes for businesses in check. Over the last few years, through the small business express program and economic development grants we have provided millions in funding loans to help retain and attract business.

I also wanted to let you know about some great news about recent job growth in Connecticut. Employers added more than 6,000 jobs in May and more than 24,000 jobs in the last year. Our unemployment rate has dropped to the lowest point in 7 years, and our labor force has grown to its largest size in almost 4 decades!

As always, please let me know if you have any questions by calling 800-842-8267 or emailing Emmett.Riley@cga.ct.gov.

All the best,



Emmett D. Riley

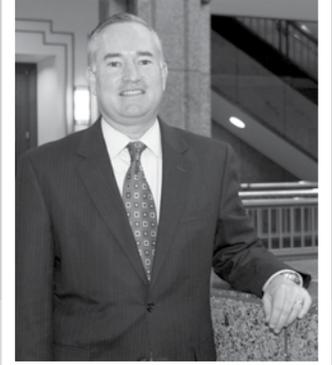
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CUTTING YOUR CAR TAXES

A recently passed state law implements a statewide car tax mill rate cap of 32 mills in July of 2016, and 29.36 mills in July of 2017. Both these important changes will save car owners money each year. In Norwich, we can expect significant savings. Here are a few examples of some common cars in town:

2014 Toyota Highlander	Example: Savings \$522.60
2015 Dodge Caravan	Example: Savings \$314.86
2008 Ford Taurus	Example: Savings \$108.40
2015 Honda Accord	Example: Savings \$293.88

STATE BUDGET PROTECTS CRITICAL SERVICES, AND INVESTS IN CT'S ECONOMIC AND TRANSPORTATION FUTURE

THE NEW STATE BUDGET:

- Adds additional state aid for Norwich to lower our mill rate
- Protects essential funding for families, including social services, libraries, and before-and after-school programs
- Creates a long-term plan to upgrade our transportation system to grow our economy, reduce traffic, and replace and repair aging roads and bridges

