Important Telephone Numbers

General Assistance	2-1-1
Department of Social Services	855-626-6632
Tax Department	800-382-9463
Consumer Protection	800-842-2649
Department of Veterans' Affairs	866-928-8387
Office of the Healthcare Advocate	866-466-4446
Medicare	800-633-4227
Center for Medicare Advocacy	800-262-4414
Connecticut Insurance Department	800-203-3447
CT Fair Housing Center	888-247-4401
Statewide Legal Services of CT	800-453-3320

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Dear Friends,

First, I want to thank you for your support as it is my honor to serve another term as your state representative. I will continue to work diligently to improve our social and economic state as the goal is to improve our quality of life.

To help keep you both informed and engaged in the legislative process, you may receive updates on the actions taken by the legislature, particularly on the issues directly affecting our community. I hope you find this information to be of use and please know that I will represent Norwich to the best of my ability.

Sincerely,

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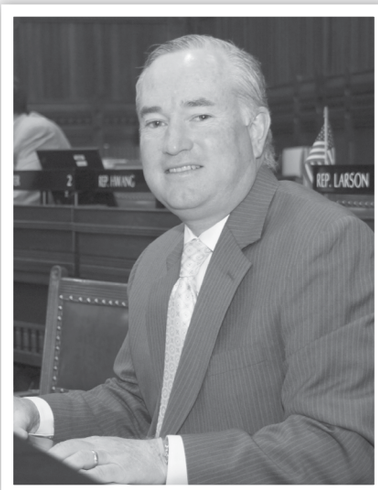

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LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE

Many long-term care policies will pay for at least some in-home care. Consult your insurance company or agent. For more information about getting long-term care insurance, contact the Connecticut Partnership for Long-Term Care at 1-800-547-3443.

CONNECTICUT HOME CARE PROGRAM FOR ELDERS (CHCPE)

This program is appropriate for low-to-moderate-income families caring at home for someone 65 or over, who would otherwise be at risk of nursing home placement. There are different levels of eligibility based on income and/or assets. For more information, and to receive an application or make a referral, call the Alternate Care Unit at the state Department of Social Services 1-800-445-5394.

RENTERS' REBATE PROGRAM

If you are elderly or disabled, you may be eligible to participate in the Renters' Rebate Program provided your income does not exceed certain limits. Based on your income and the amount of your rent and utility payments (excluding telephone), the rebate can be up to $900 for married couples or $700 for single persons. You may apply between April 1st and October 1st. For more information, please call Norwich City Hall at 860-823-3700. You may also call the Renters' Rebate Program Hotline at 860-418-6377.

PAYING FOR COLLEGE

The beginning of senior year in high school is the best time to start inquiring about financial aid. A student may be eligible for assistance from federal or state government, local banks, civic or church groups or colleges themselves. To learn more, go online to our state's Office of Higher Education website at www.ctohe.org. You will find useful information under the "Reports & Publications" and the "Programs & Initiatives" tabs. You may also contact the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 800-433-3243 www.StudentAid.gov or CHESLA (CT Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority) at 800-252-3357 www.CHESLA.org.

STATE BENEFITS PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS

A $1,500 reduction of a property's assessed value for tax purposes (real estate or automobile) is available for veterans who have ninety days of wartime service, including Merchant Marines who served during WWII. Veterans, and surviving spouses, below a certain income level and/or disabled may be eligible for additional property tax exemptions. Contact your municipality's tax assessor's office for specific details.

ELIMINATING STATE TAXES ON MILITARY RETIREMENT PAY

Both New York and Massachusetts exempt taxes on military retirement pensions. Connecticut taxes these pensions, and that is wrong. I support SB 520 so that all military retirement pensions would be tax exempt in Connecticut. Too many Connecticut veterans are retiring in other states due to this problem, and it needs to stop.

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