



State Representative Matt Ritter & Speaker Chris Donovan at the Cigna "First Five" announcement in Bloomfield.

## Job Growth is Job One

I supported a comprehensive jobs package during the October Special Session to jump-start job creation and foster long-term economic growth. Incentives for small businesses, new economic development tools, brownfield remediation, a streamlined permit process, workforce development and training are all addressed in the new laws.

We funded a First Five Brownfields program that provides for clean-up for environmentally contaminated sites. This is an important job creator providing the potential for state and local tax revenue and re-employment.

Please contact me with any questions. I look forward to hearing from you.

Best,



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## Small Business Express

Small business is the backbone of our economy. We helped them create jobs by making \$100 million available to grow small businesses with less than 50 employees through incentives, grants and loans and streamlining the application process to expedite assistance. In addition, we:

- » Invested \$20 million to remediate vacant brownfield property
- » Provided \$10 million to manufacturers to train and hire employees
- » Expanded job creation tax credits to \$500 and \$900 for hiring the unemployed, disabled or veterans

## Jackson Laboratory

We created the CT Bioscience Collaboration program to establish a bioscience cluster . It will be anchored by a new Jackson Laboratory facility at the UConn Health Center. The investment will immediately create 900 construction jobs and over 20 years is expected to create more than 6,600 long term jobs, with:

- » 660 positions at Jackson Labs
- » 4,000 additional bioscience jobs through spin-off companies
- » 2,000 jobs added to local services and area retail stores

## Workforce Development

Increased training and education at vo-tech, community colleges and universities to meet the high-demand job needs of manufacturing and IT employers through:

- » Enhancing manufacturing technology programs
- » Outreach to promote vo-techs, regional agricultural science and tech-ed centers
- » Matching employer needs to education curriculum
- » Subsidizing employers to train current workers
- » Studying current training programs and manufacturing needs

## Cutting Red Tape

We are helping businesses grow new jobs by streamlining and expediting government to:

- » Eliminate or consolidate burdensome state regulations
- » Approve certain economic development projects within 60 days
- » Conduct a LEAN analysis to improve government efficiency
- » Improve State IT Portal for businesses
- » Pilot pre-permitting to clean and sell vacant property more quickly

## More On Jobs...

Additionally, the jobs bill:

- » Builds a “Fix it First Bridges” Program
- » Grows the Farm Restoration Program
- » Creates incentives for investments in emerging technologies (Angel Investors)
- » Builds innovation centers in key cities and invests in innovative ventures
- » Creates a second “First Five” program
- » Incentivizes business growth at Connecticut airports

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