



*As your State Representative*, I want to thank you for your support and I look forward to serving as your voice at the State Capitol.

The 2011 legislative session has been under way since January 5, 2011. I have been appointed to the Education Committee, the Finance, Revenue, and Bonding Committee and the Planning & Development Committee for the 2011-2013 term. The first month has been spent in our committees working through the thousands of bills that have been proposed. These proposals touch on all aspects of state government and directly impact many of your lives in one way or another. The next step will be to conduct public hearings on bills that are provided one and begin to discuss the Governor's biennial budget which will require very difficult recommendations and choices for the legislature to consider.

There is never a typical day at the Capitol with committee meetings, constituent meetings or small group working sessions on legislation. The focus will be on the budget but I am also working on increasing opportunities for regional cooperation and improving education at both the K-12 and collegiate levels. I am also spending considerable time specifically working to address the Achievement Gap, which remains one of the state's biggest policy liabilities.



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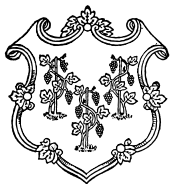
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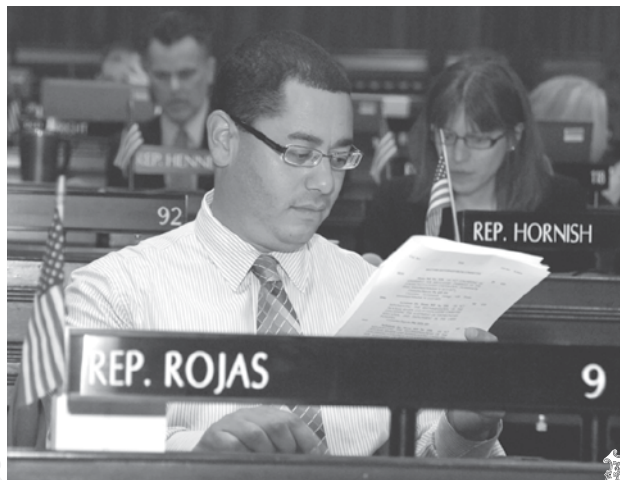
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## BUDGET

There are going to be dramatic changes to the state budget. There are already proposals to consolidate agencies, "level fund" local education, eliminate borrowing money for operating expenses and finally meet pension obligations. We expect to see changes on the revenue side as well, and not just tax increases, but how the state taxes. Changes in our tax system are necessary to more accurately reflect the strengths and weaknesses that have developed in our state economy over the last two decades. Our business community needs a stable tax system so it can better plan for long term investments that result in job creation.

## PAID SICK DAYS

There is a proposal to mandate that employers with more than 50 employees provide paid sick time to employees if they do not provide some other kinds of Paid Time Off (i.e. vacation or personal time). Those in favor argue that: 300,000 people in Connecticut should not have to choose between going to work sick or losing a day's pay. They also argue that it's a matter of public health. Opponents argue it will be a costly mandate on business at a time when they are struggling to compete in what is still a challenging economy.



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Please make sure to take my **2011 Constituent Survey**, which can be found on my website at: [www.housedems.ct.gov/Rojas/Survey2011.asp](http://www.housedems.ct.gov/Rojas/Survey2011.asp)  
Your feedback is critical to my doing the best job that I can as we continue to work on many of these issues facing state government this year.

Additionally, please sign up for my email list. That way I can keep you up to date on important issues and save on costly printing and postage.

Please fill out the information below and return the form to my office. Or better yet, visit my website and sign up at [www.housedems.ct.gov/Rojas](http://www.housedems.ct.gov/Rojas)

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