



## 2010 Constituent Survey Highlights & Results

Your feedback is critical to allow me to do the best job I can, working on the many important issues during the last weeks of the 2010 session. Your feedback and opinions provide valuable insight for me to consider to make the tough, but fair, decisions the legislature must make this year. As you may know, I prepared a Constituent Survey for the 9th Assembly District last month. I would like to share that feedback with you. For those of you who did not receive the survey or would like periodic legislative updates, please sign up for my email update at: [www.housedems.ct.gov/Rojas](http://www.housedems.ct.gov/Rojas).

— Thanks again for your feedback.

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Jason and Rep. Tom Reynolds discuss a bill in the House Chamber.

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### INCOME TAX REFORM

60% of survey responses support an income tax structure which would require high-wage earners to pay an additional 1% for income above \$500,000. The idea is not to punish high income earners, but given the choice between protecting critical services and asking high income earners to pay more, this could be a reasonable approach to structure our income tax system.

### REGIONAL COLLABORATION

67% of survey responses support regional collaboration among municipalities to reduce the costs of services. I have been working with the Municipal Opportunities for Regional Efficiencies (M.O.R.E.) Commission which has made several cost-savings recommendations for the legislature to consider. Some of those recommendations of which I am a co-sponsor (HB-5383, HB-5424) have passed the House of Representatives with bipartisan support. I am proud to have worked with both Democrats and Republicans to make sure these common sense reforms become law.

### TAX CREDITS

75% of survey responses support increases in tax credits as an incentive for business growth. The legislature is considering two bills which provides tax credits to small businesses who create new full-time jobs and increases the job creation tax credit program from \$10 million to \$25 million. These are proactive approaches to supporting businesses and creating jobs.

### VITAL SERVICES

We all understand the daily difficulties children and families face. Your feedback encouraged the protection of vital services for seniors, veterans, schools, the disabled, and those with developmental disabilities. As we face deficits in the coming years, we must increase efficiency and collaboration before severely reducing services.

*Note:*

*This survey is not scientifically based, nor statistically significant.*

*119 people from the 9th Assembly District participated in the survey.*

### HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE

77% of survey responses believe access to health care coverage should be made available to all residents. In addition to the landmark federal health care plan, the legislature is working to pass HB-5295 which would give municipalities the ability to buy prescription drugs through the state employee plan. By taking advantage of the bargaining power, low administrative costs and substantial discounts negotiated by the large state employee pool, a substantial savings in costs could be achieved. I am proud to be a co-sponsor of this legislation and happy to report that it passed the House of Representatives 144-0.

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