

# SESSION 2014 PREVIEW

Dear Neighbors,

I would like to thank you for your kind understanding last session when I was diagnosed with cancer and required surgery. Thanks to the excellent care at the Smilow Cancer Hospital at Yale, I just had my post-op checkup and have been given a cancer free diagnosis!

Although I was only able to attend my committee meetings and had limited travel to Hartford last session, I was able to work from home and my office handled hundreds of constituent calls for assistance - we ended up with a very productive session. Several of my bills were passed and, because of two bills that I introduced, two task force studies were established.

As our economy continues to recover, the 2014 session will focus on job creation and business growth. Employment, job training, cutting red tape and helping local businesses grow are my legislative priorities. I am interested in hearing from you on any issue that affects you at the state level. As always, I stand ready to be your voice in Hartford.



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## **PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKEBACK**

I am once again asking the Environment Committee to raise this bill. Not only are unwanted/unused prescriptions being improperly disposed of each year damaging our rivers, streams and Long Island Sound, also there is a growing epidemic of prescription drug abuse by non-prescription holders. My bill would allow police departments across the state to accept unwanted/unused prescriptions 24 hours a day, 7 days a week using a safe, secure drop off in the police station lobby. There is currently a voluntary program and 35 police departments across the state are successfully collecting, and properly disposing of, thousands of pounds of unwanted medication each year. Regrettably, several of our state owned medical facilities and group homes are guilty of flushing medications - this bill will require them to dispose of medications properly.

## **TEXTING/DISTRACTED DRIVING**

Every year more than 3,000 people are killed due to distracted driving, and an estimated 421,000 are injured. Insurance companies pay out millions of dollars for auto and property damage. We pay higher insurance rates because of this. There is a phone application that, once installed, disables phone use while in motion (except for a 911 override). My bill proposes an insurance discount to those who install and use the app (similar to a good student discount). This is a great way to incentivize people to join.

## **DISABLED VETERANS**

Brought to my attention by a Milford veteran advocate, I have requested the Veteran's Committee study the feasibility of removing the means test for disabled veterans' property tax exemptions. Our veterans have sacrificed so much for us that they have earned this exemption.

## **CONTRACTORS LIABILITY INSURANCE**

Did you know that if a contractor performs work on your home, and uses a blowtorch and damages your home, you are covered under their liability policy? However, if your roof is replaced and, as a result, you have interior damage due to leaks, it is not covered? My bill requires contractors to carry an additional liability policy to protect the homeowner from damage caused by inferior work. Hundreds of homeowners in Milford and across the state suffer damage to their homes due to shoddy work and in many instances, they are not able to recover the cost of those damages.

