



Rep. Rovero meets with employees of Killingly's Frito Lay plant at the Capitol where he presented them with a citation for becoming a Green LEED certified manufacturing plant.

Creating Jobs

The Legislature made sure Connecticut was open for business by enacting laws that:

- » Encourage businesses to create jobs by providing tax incentives through the "First Five" program
- » Expand our reinvestments in manufacturing
- » Provide student loan reimbursements for green technology degree holders after 2 years employment in the field
- » Save our Vo-tech schools which teach the skills that put our young people to work. I also supported an amendment that would have increased the reimbursement for our vocational agriculture students.

Brownfield Remediation

I supported a bill that could be one of the most important job generators in Connecticut. We funded clean up and re-use of "brownfields" – contaminated and long abandoned properties that can be remediated and turned into productive and safe sites for economic development, open space or other public uses. Killingly, Putnam and Thompson could all benefit from this legislation to renovate and develop vacant properties and older mill sites for economic development and job creation.

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Dear Friends,

The tone of 2011 General Assembly Session was dominated by difficult economic times. It made for a challenging budget process filled with many hard decisions in order to create a responsible budget and sound fiscal policy.

The budget we passed offers many positives for our communities I represent, which all see a slight increase in municipal aid as well as full funding of the Education Cost Sharing grants. In addition, the budget funds many programs that help children, seniors, persons with disabilities as well as job training and other state services. For these reasons, casting a "no" vote was a very difficult choice, but one I felt was the right one to best represent my constituents. I still however am working with leadership to make sure the budget is still implemented in a fair and even manner.

During this session, I heard from numerous constituents asking that we formulate a budget that holds the line on spending and taxes. Many asked for the consolidation of departments and greater efficiencies to cut costs. Although there were numerous cuts and many consolidations, there was also new spending and many tax increases. Growing the budget by some \$300 million while at the same time asking Connecticut residents for an additional \$1.25 to \$1.5 billion in taxes is not good policy. As part of a moderate Democratic caucus, I co-signed a letter addressed to Governor Malloy asking for a series of budgetary changes that would provide additional cuts and efficiencies so that we could hold the line on spending and not have to rely as heavily on tax increases. I also supported a proposal to keep the property tax credit to the full \$500.

While job creation and getting our fiscal house in order were my top priorities, the legislature was able to pass many other important laws this year that benefit Connecticut families. Many of these new laws are detailed in this newsletter.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns about this legislation or any other matter.

Best wishes,

Danny Rovero
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Making Government More Efficient

Putnam DMV to Remain Open

To address the state budget crisis this year we cut costs and streamlined government. However, even with trying to do more with less, I was still able to work with Sen. Williams to keep our local **Putnam DMV** office open and off the chopping block.

Connecticut will now begin running more efficiently with several changes enacted this year:

- » State agency consolidations
- » State Employee union concessions that will save \$1.6 billion over 2 years and a \$21.5 billion savings over the next 20 years
- » Reduces expenditures by over \$2 billion
- » No borrowing
- » Fully funded pension obligations
- » A commitment to staying below the constitutional spending cap

Saluting Our Veterans

As a United States Army Veteran, I appreciate the service these men and women have provided our country. Below is some of the legislation we passed that helps them and their families.

- » Waive the \$20 fee for one certified copy of a veteran's death certificate when requested by family
- » Offer veterans' license plates to a member of the U. S. armed forces or his or her surviving spouse
- » Create a one-stop website for services available for veterans
- » Allow veteran status to be on a driver's license or identity card
- » Provide disabled wartime veterans with free parking, admission, and boat access parking to state recreational areas
- » Expand the waiver of property tax interest for certain armed forces members in Iraq and Afghanistan

Helping Seniors

The legislature improved the quality of life for our senior citizens by:

- » Allowing people to still enroll in ConnPACE if they are not eligible for Medicare
- » Rejecting the Governor's proposal to significantly raise cost-sharing in the Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders
- » Expanding the state's Money Follows the Person program
- » Establishing Nursing Home Grievance Committees at each facility

In addition, grandparent's rights will be the subject of a special study aimed at enhancing their ability to seek visitation rights.



In my first term as your State Representative one of my favorite parts of the job has been interacting with my constituents.

Whether finding out where you stand on an issue or helping with a state matter, I like hearing from you the constituent. Your input helps keep me informed and assists me with my decisions.

I hope you continue to stay in touch and keep me informed on issues of importance to you.

Danny Rovero



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State Representative

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Public Safety

As a member of the Public Safety Committee, I was proud to support the following initiatives:

Preventing Drunken Driving

Ignition interlock devices (IID) will be required for repeat drunk driving offenders, preventing them from starting their car if their blood alcohol content (BAC) exceeds .08 percent.

Expanding DNA Collection

DNA samples will now be collected from convicted felons after a subsequent arrest. Since felons are likely to have committed other crimes, DNA can solve crimes with matches against a national database.

Construction Safety

To better protect the lives of construction workers, we placed more stringent requirements on new power plant construction projects to avoid another tragedy like the Kleen Energy Systems plant explosion in Middletown last year.

