

## GROWING JOBS

To keep Connecticut economically competitive with neighboring states, we must support business growth and job creation by attracting businesses, training workers and providing incentives for them to remain in the state.

Improving tax credits and incentives, in addition to investing in small businesses and emerging technologies, are a few measures that will grow our local economy and provide better job opportunities for our residents.

For example, the Small Business Express Program provides capital to small businesses to grow and expand. Its success has been important to our emerging economic recovery. We must continue to work with local businesses and connect job-creators with job-seekers.

## CALL THE 211 INFOLINE

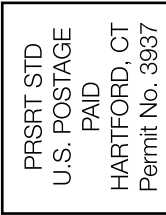
- Infoline is a toll-free help line that is available 24 hours a day.
- It's the confidential, free, and multilingual way to locate services in your area – legal assistance, child care services, elder care, energy assistance, suicide prevention, eligibility requirements for state programs, substance abuse, domestic violence, etc.
- Caseworkers are trained in crisis intervention.
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## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE 2017

Dear Neighbor,

The Connecticut General Assembly is considering legislation that will make Connecticut an even better place to live, work and raise a family. Our priorities this year include making the state more business friendly with incentives for investors who want to help entrepreneurs get their business off the ground or established businesses to expand. We also want to create a small business hotline – provide relief for college graduates just starting out and for seniors who have worked hard and are now out of the workforce.

This update has more details about what we are doing to help our district, region and state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kevin Ryan".

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## “ANGEL INVESTORS” PROGRAM

A successful company is nothing more than a group of people willing to invest in an idea. Most business owners have no trouble investing their time and effort, yet they sometimes struggle to find the financial backing required to get their ideas off the ground.

That is why this year I am advocating for legislation that would allow accredited investors to consult and mentor prospective small business owners and contribute to a fund established to support the growth of small businesses.

## SMALL BUSINESS HOTLINE

Running a small business is hard work. That’s why I’m supporting a bill that creates a statewide information hotline providing prospective and existing small business owners with the support they need. Entrepreneurs have expressed frustration that resources and information are scattered across multiple state agencies.

If a company wants to relocate to or expand in Connecticut they will be able to call a central resource center at a single phone number.

## TOOLS YOU CAN USE:

### THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY’S WEBSITE

Your first stop for information on legislation, committees, and public hearings is the Connecticut General Assembly website: [www.cga.ct.gov](http://www.cga.ct.gov). Here you can find a weekly calendar of all the public hearings and events taking place at the Capitol. In addition, you can track bills, watch a video on how to testify and access information from the legislature’s non-partisan offices.



## MAKING CONNECTICUT MORE AFFORDABLE FOR COLLEGE GRADUATES

Connecticut is home to some of the best and brightest students in the nation. According to the most recent rankings by U.S. News and World Report, we have some of the top schools in the country. Yale was ranked third among national universities; UConn was ranked 20th among national public universities; and three other Connecticut schools were among the top 50 liberal arts colleges nationwide.

We need to do more to ensure that students who gain their world-class education in our state go on to join Connecticut’s workforce. That’s why we have introduced HB 5586. This bill will give a tax credit to any college graduate who decides to remain in Connecticut.

In order to be eligible, they must:

- Be employed in the state of Connecticut
- Receive a degree on or after January 1, 2018 from an accredited institution of higher education
- Live in Connecticut within two years after receiving the degree
- Participants will be able to claim the tax credit against their personal income tax for five successive years.

## MAKING CONNECTICUT MORE AFFORDABLE FOR SENIORS

Many retirees living in Connecticut are struggling to keep up with the rising costs of living. Stretching a fixed income to cover day-to-day living, as well as the increased medical expenses that come with old age, often proves impossible. We have introduced HB 5587 to help ease the burden our seniors bear.

This bill will eliminate the state income tax on Social Security payments for residents 62 years of age and older. Connecticut is one of only thirteen states that taxes Social Security payments. It is time we catch up with the rest of the country.



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