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Dear Neighbor,

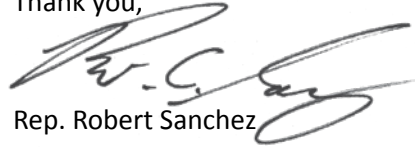
The 2014 legislative session ended recently and I want to update you about what I have been up to in Hartford. This year was a short three-month session, but I am proud of the work that we got done in such a short period of time.

Each year brings a new set of challenges and this session was no different. The need to encourage economic growth, help working families, and make critical investments in the future of our children, as well as our state, was clear.

Meeting these priorities while also adopting a balanced budget with no new taxes took a lot of hard work, but I am happy to report to you that my colleagues and I were able to achieve our goals. As your State Representative, I work hard to make the changes we need to make a better place to live for all of us in New Britain.

I hope you find this information helpful. Please don't hesitate to reach out to my office if I can ever be of help to you or your family!

Thank you,



Rep. Robert Sanchez

Estimado vecino,


Es un placer compartir con usted información actualizada sobre la sesión legislativa del 2014.

Cada año trae nuevos retos y esta sesión no fue distinta. La necesidad de promover desarrollo económico, ayudar a familias trabajadoras y hacer inversiones importantes en el futuro de nuestros hijos y de nuestro estado es clara.

Lograr estas prioridades y al mismo tiempo adoptar un presupuesto balanceado sin aumentar impuestos fue arduo, pero me alegra reportarle que mis colegas y yo pudimos hacerlo. Como su representante estatal, yo trabajo fuerte para hacer cambios que nos permitan vivir mejor en New Britain.

Yo deseo que esta información le sea útil. Por favor no dude en llamarme si usted o su familia necesita ayuda. Estoy a su disposición para ayudarle. Es un honor servirle como su representante estatal en Hartford.

Gracias



Rep. Robert Sanchez

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SENIORS

This session we took steps to help our seniors in meaningful and important ways:

- Expanded the Small Nursing Home Pilot Program allowing more seniors to move away from traditional institutional nursing homes into smaller, more personal and welcoming facilities
- Authorized a study of private funding sources for home and community-based care for the elderly and those afflicted with Alzheimer's Disease
- Lifted the suspension and re-opened the Renters' Rebate Program providing partial rental payment and utility rebates to the elderly and disabled

ENVEJECIENTES

Esta sesión tomamos medidas importantes y significativas para ayudar a nuestros envejecientes:

- Expandimos el programa Small Nursing Home ofreciendo la oportunidad a más envejecientes de moverse de asilos tradicionales a facilidades más pequeñas y personales
- Autorizamos un estudio de recursos financieros privados para el hogar y cuidado comunal para ancianos y personas con Alzheimers
- Reanudamos el programa de rebates de renta para individuos elegibles que recibirán reembolso parcial de pagos asociados con arrendamiento y utilidades

EDUCATION & FAMILIES

This year, I was promoted to vice chair of the legislature's Education Committee and I am pleased to share some of our accomplishments:

- Created the Office of Early Childhood (OEC) as the lead agency and oversight authority for early care and education of young children
- Established opportunities for the creation of new pre-school programs and additional pre-school slots for existing school-readiness programs
- Provided high school and college students with additional training and learning grants for apprenticeships to give students real work environment experiences
- Increased the hourly minimum wage to \$10.10 incrementally to give more financial security to working individuals and families and pump more money into our local economy
- Passed two laws aimed at increasing awareness and prevention of injuries and illnesses among student athletes related to concussions and sudden cardiac arrest

EDUCACION Y FAMILIAS

Este año fui nombrado vice presidente del comité de educación en la legislatura y quiero compartir algunos de nuestros logros:

- Creamos la oficina de Early Childhood (OEC) como la agencia principal con autoridad sobre programas de educación temprana
- Establecimos oportunidades para la creación de nuevos programas pre-escolares además de expandir los espacios de programas existentes
- Proveímos fondos adicionales para entrenamiento y aprendizaje a estudiantes de escuela superior y colegiados para que adquieran experiencia laboral
- Incrementamos gradualmente el salario mínimo a \$10.10 para dar más seguridad financiera a familias e individuos que ayudara a los pequeños negocios en nuestro vecindario con el aumento capital en nuestra economía local
- Pasamos dos leyes para educar y prevenir fracturas y enfermedades cardíacas asociadas con concusiones

VETERANS

Our veterans and their families deserve support and recognition. That's why we prioritized issues important to them and:

- Established the Military Occupational Specialty Task-force to develop guidelines for granting credit for military experience or qualifications allowing veterans better access to employment opportunities
- Created penalties and fines for fraudulent representation of military honors or service
- Granted 10 days of excused absence to any school aged child of military personnel being deployed to combat zones

VETERANOS

Nuestros veteranos y sus familias merecen apoyo y reconocimiento. Por lo tanto dimos prioridad a asuntos que son importante para ellos y:

- Establecimos el grupo de trabajo Military Occupational Specialty Taskforce para desarrollar pautas que darían crédito a veteranos por experiencia militar o cualificaciones al momento de buscar empleo
- Creamos penalidades y multas por representación fraudulenta de servicio o de honor militar
- Ofrecimos 10 días de ausencias excusadas a cualquier estudiante que esté relacionado con alguna persona que será enviada a zona de combate

NEW BRITAIN FISCAL YEAR 2014 - 2015 AID

Education Cost Sharing	\$85,008,849
Priority School Districts	\$ 4,514,756
PILOT: State Owned Property	\$3,706,471
PILOT: Colleges & Hospitals	\$2,737,267
Pequot/Mohegan Revenue Sharing	\$2,301,427
Public School Transportation	\$1,317,615
Local Capital Improvement Program	\$974,088
Town Aid Roads	\$772,658
Adult Education	\$628,999
Bonded MRSA Payments	\$1,301,538
Total State Funds to New Britain	\$98,748,912