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HELPFUL SERVICES & PROGRAMS IN OUR AREA

Dear Neighbor,

We are nearing the end of the 2016 legislative session and I have heard from many of you about the issues you care about. As your representative, along with listening to your input on legislation, another part of my job is providing you with information on local services and programs in our area that you may find useful. This mailer includes contact information for several different organizations that can provide you with assistance, as well as information on important legislation that benefits Connecticut residents.

I welcome your input and encourage you to stay in touch with me by calling 800-842-8267 or sending an email to Ezequiel.Santiago@cga.ct.gov with any concerns or ideas you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ezequiel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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THE CONSUMER LAW PROJECT FOR ELDERS

The Consumer Law Project for Elders (a project of Connecticut Legal Services, Inc.) provides free legal assistance to Connecticut residents age 60 or over who have questions about consumer rights, debt or collection problems, receipt of bills for items never purchased, identity theft, bankruptcy, dispute of goods or services purchased and unfair and undisclosed loan terms. For more information, call 800-296-1467.

VARIABLE ELECTRIC RATES

Last year, Connecticut became the first state in the nation to protect residents from electricity providers who offer a low introductory rate that increases rapidly afterwards. The protections enacted require variable rate suppliers to give their customers a 60-day notice before the end of their contracts. Suppliers cannot charge these customers a termination or early cancellation fee and must allow customers who want to switch to standard service the ability to do so within 72 hours. We also set up a process for Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) to further investigate and take measures to completely eliminate variable electric rates when a customer's contract expires.

**For additional community support services,
call 2-1-1 or visit www.211ct.org**

SERVICES FOR THE DISABLED

Dept. of Developmental Services	866-737-0330	ct.gov/dds
Commission Deaf/Hearing Impaired	860-697-3560	dhoh.ct.gov
The Arc of Connecticut	860-246-6400	thearcct.org
CCARC, Inc.	860-229-6665	ccarc.com

SERVICES FOR FAMILIES

ABCD, Inc.	203-366-8241	abcd.org
LifeBridge Community Services	203-368-4291	lifebridgect.org
Alpha Community Services	203-366-2809	cccymca.org/locations/alpha
CT Dept. of Social Services	855-626-6632	ct.gov/dss

SERVICES FOR EDUCATION

CT Department of Education	860-713-6707	state.ct.us/sde
Bridgeport Public Schools	203-275-1000	bridgeportedu.com
CT Parent Advocacy Center	800-445-2722	cpacinc.org

SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY

Bridgeport Dept. on Aging	203-576-7993	bridgeportct.gov
AARP	866-295-7279	aarp.org
Leading Age CT	203-678-4477	leadingagect.org
SW CT Agency on Aging	203-333-9288	swcaa.org
CT Dept. on Aging	866-218-6631	ct.gov/agingsservices