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SAVING CITIES AND TOWNS MONEY WITH M.O.R.E.

In 2010, as Chair of the the Planning & Development Committee, I led the Municipal Opportunities & Regional Efficiencies (M.O.R.E.) Commission. We brought together legislators with town officials, advocates and concerned citizens to create effective, bipartisan legislation that saved municipalities and taxpayers money. Upon the passage of that legislation, we pledged that our work was not done and that we could still do more to relieve the pressures felt by our cities and town as they face tough budget decisions. That is why, as Speaker, I am continuing the work of M.O.R.E., establishing task forces headed by a bipartisan group of legislators to work on areas identified earlier as being areas where these changes can be made. This mailer gives you some basic information about the work of M.O.R.E. To find out much more, go to the website: www.housedems.ct.gov/MORE

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Laws passed via the 2010 Commission

Three key laws were passed in 2010 as a result of the M.O.R.E. Commission's work: **PA 10-167** established regional incentive grants for local boards of education that save money on school transportation through inter-town agreements, **PA 10-174** allowed two or more boards of education to jointly purchase health insurance for their employees, and **PA 11-61** created Regional Performance Incentive Grants by using a small portion of the state hotel tax to encourage inter-town cooperation. A great result came in the form of an online permit application system for contractors in the greater Hartford area, which led to better permit compliance and more revenue for participating towns.



Focus of the 2013 Commission

Originally a creation in 2010 of House Democrats, the revamped M.O.R.E. Commission includes House and Senate members of both political parties as well as local officials.

M.O.R.E. undertakes its mission with four working groups:

1. Municipal Tax Authority
2. Board of Education Functions
3. Regional Entities
4. Mandates

Questions? Comments?

I'd love to hear from you about this important work!
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