

Dear Neighbor,

Throughout the budget, we listened to our constituents, local businesses, and families. In order to lower property taxes, fund education in our towns, and make much needed investments in our aging transportation system, we have closed corporate tax loopholes and made a limited expansion of the tax on very high- end incomes – only couples making more than \$500,000 per year will be affected.

Most importantly, the final budget included my legislation to help lower our property taxes by requiring that private colleges like Quinnipiac pay property taxes on the homes they buy in our neighborhoods, just like every hard-working taxpayer in Hamden.

The budget we passed provides real tax relief for working families, more money for our town, and you will be getting a significant cut in your car tax beginning in 2016.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to call my office at (800) 842-1902.

Sincerely,



Brendan Sharkey, Hamden

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BUDGET PRIORITIES

TAX RELIEF FOR THE MIDDLE CLASS

- Increased state aid for Hamden will allow lower local property taxes
- Hamden car owners will see a reduction in their motor vehicle property tax beginning in 2016
- Only corporations with profits out of state or overseas, and the top 2% of income earners, couples making more than \$500,000 and \$1,000,000 a year, are asked to pay a little more

INVESTING IN CONNECTICUT'S FUTURE

- Upgrade our aging roads and bridges, and improve public transit, including rail service from Hamden to New Haven and Hartford, to help reduce highway traffic and encourage business commuters
- Continue important investments in Connecticut businesses, like Research and Design tax credits and the Small Business Express program
- Protect essential funding for families that need it most, including libraries, state parks, before-and after-school programs, and social services

COLLEGES WILL PAY PROPERTY TAXES ON HOMES UNDER NEW LAW

- Part of the budget was a new law that I proposed that will require private colleges, like Quinnipiac, to pay their fair share, just like every other member of our community, on residential property (houses) that they own. This is common sense legislation that will help protect the families, neighborhoods, and communities of Hamden, and I'm proud to see it become law.