

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

Rising property taxes are a top concern I hear from Stamford residents, as the high cost of living makes it increasingly difficult to afford to live here. That is why I fought for lower property taxes in the budget and co-sponsored SB 187 to provide property tax relief. Beginning July 1, 2016, Stamford will receive over \$3.9 million in new state funds for property tax relief for Stamford residents. I am pleased that we are taking significant steps to lower the property tax burden on local residents, and will continue to push for this in the future.

CYBERSECURITY

One of the first bills I introduced this session became law. The legislation (HB 6317) requires the state to conduct an assessment of the main cyber threats facing CT and to make recommendations on how CT can improve its cybersecurity defenses. We have seen cybercriminals breach the federal government, and here at home there are hundreds of cyberattacks each year. Ensuring that state infrastructure, businesses, and the public are prepared for - and protected against - cyberattacks is vital to our economy and security. This is a pro-consumer and a pro-business law that seeks to protect Connecticut residents and businesses from cyberattacks. If you are interested in joining the conversation on cybersecurity or if you have experienced a data breach, I want to hear from you.

SUPPORTING STAMFORD SCHOOLS

Education is the most important investment we can make in our children and our future. It is critical to reducing poverty and inequality and to creating economic growth. That is why I fought hard to secure \$61.8 million for a new magnet school at 200 Strawberry Hill Avenue, in order to ease overcrowding in our schools, \$1.5 million in additional funding for our public schools, over \$4.9 million in funding for JM Wright Technical High School, and \$75,000 for a new pre-school. I will continue to push for more investments in education and would love to hear from you if you have ideas on how we can better support education in Stamford.

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SUPPORTING OUR SMALL BUSINESSES

Small businesses are the backbone of our state and local economy. As a member of the Commerce Committee, I fought hard for measures to support small business owners. I co-sponsored legislation that created a CT Competitiveness Council to encourage business growth in CT. I also co-sponsored SB 187, to provide property tax relief to business owners and residents; SB 543, which would exempt new businesses from state regulations, SB 697, which would waive fees on new businesses in their first two years; and SB 64, which would reduce the corporate tax rate on businesses. I will continue to fight for these measures in order to support businesses and job growth here in Stamford and across CT. If you have ideas on how we can better support businesses, contact me anytime on my cell phone at 203-962-4619.

GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY

I believe we need to do more to make government efficient and save taxpayer dollars. That is why I joined the Municipal Opportunities and Regional Efficiencies Commission, which aims to make government more effective and to lower the property tax burden on local residents. If you have ideas on how we can make government more efficient and fiscally responsible, I would love to hear from you.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS

Transportation issues are a top concern I hear from residents and businesses. CT loses billions of dollars because of our aging infrastructure and residents waste countless hours waiting in traffic each year. That is why I am pleased to report the state is investing billions of dollars over the next five years to upgrade our transportation system, and a large portion of funding will come to Stamford and Fairfield County for projects ranging from fixing the Atlantic Street underpass and the Walk Bridge to widening I-95 and modernizing Metro North. Improving transportation is directly linked to economic competitiveness and I will continue to fight for transportation improvements.

CONSTITUENT SURVEY

What am I doing right?

What could I be doing better?

**Want to discuss your answers with Caroline?
Let her know how to get in touch with you.**

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Best time to call? A.M. ____ P.M. ____

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Report Card

Dear Neighbor,

During my campaign, I made a promise to never stop listening and learning about the issues that matter to you. In school, we have report cards. At work, we get performance reviews. More often than not, politicians determine whether they are doing a good job simply based on whether they get re-elected, but that's not the kind of elected official I want to be. I want to hear directly from you! I have recently adjourned my first legislative session and want to hear from you on how you think I did and where you believe I should concentrate my efforts. I hope that you will fill out the form and provide me with meaningful feedback.

As always, if I can help you or your family in any way or you'd like to share an opinion with me, please don't hesitate to send me an email or call me at home (203-962-4619) or at my office.

Sincerely,

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