



Protecting Working Families And Job Growth

Here in Bridgeport, more families than ever are relying on low-wage and minimum wage jobs to make ends meet. That leaves them struggling to keep their homes, to feed their children and to find affordable healthcare.

I am supporting a variety of bills this year to help protect working families and support job growth in Connecticut, but I wanted to take this opportunity to highlight one issue that has recently been in the press - raising the minimum wage.

I am co-sponsoring a bill to raise Connecticut's minimum wage over the next two years and to index future increases to the cost-of-living. Quite simply, people who work full-time for a living should not be forced to subsist on below-poverty wages.

I look forward to hearing from you as I continue to fight to protect working families. Please contact me with any questions, ideas or concerns.



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Small Business Express

Small business is the backbone of our economy. We helped them create jobs by making \$100 million available to grow small businesses with less than 50 employees through incentives, grants and loans and streamlined the application process to expedite assistance. In addition, we:

- » Cut the business entity tax in half
- » Invested \$20 million to remediate vacant brownfield properties
- » Provided \$10 million to manufacturers to train and hire employees
- » Expanded job creation tax credits to \$500, \$900 for hiring the unemployed, disabled or veterans

Cutting Red Tape

We are helping businesses grow new jobs by streamlining and expediting government to:

- » Eliminate or consolidate burdensome state regulations
- » Approve certain economic development projects in 60 days
- » Conduct a performance analysis to improve government efficiency
- » Improve state information technology for businesses
- » Establish pre-permitting to clean and sell vacant property faster

More On Jobs...

Additionally, the jobs bill:

- » Builds a “Fix it First Bridges” program
- » Grows the Farm Restoration Program
- » Improves Main Street commercial centers in small towns
- » Creates incentives for investments in emerging technology (Angel Investors)
- » Builds innovation centers in key cities and invests in innovative ventures
- » Creates a second “First Five” program
- » Incentivizes business growth at Oxford and other Connecticut airports
- » Markets local CT wine at wine festivals

Debit Cards Will Replace Paper Checks For CT Income Tax Returns

The Connecticut Department of Revenue Services (DRS) will be distributing debit cards to allow access to state income tax refunds for most taxpayers who do not have bank accounts or do not choose direct deposit. Issuing tax refunds as debit cards provides a security and convenience not available with paper checks as well as eliminating check cashing fees. Those receiving the debit cards may access any Chase or People’s Bank ATM and may withdraw up to \$800 per day without fees. For a list of common questions and answers about the debit cards, please visit the DRS website at www.ct.gov/drs/ and click on facts about debit cards



Rep. Stallworth meeting with the Governor accompanied by his intern at the Capitol

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