



New Britain State Reps. Tim O'Brien, Peter Tercyak, and Bobby Sanchez at “Human Solidarity, Polish Solidarność”, an exhibit they sponsored at the state capitol.

State Income Tax Credit

This year I worked hard to create a state earned income tax credit (EITC)—a refundable tax credit for working people—that will bring approximately \$4 million to New Britain Residents in its first year.

Here is how the state EITC works if you worked full time or part time at some point in 2011:

- » If you are single with an income less than \$35,535 or a married couple with an income less than \$40,545 raising one child, you may get an EITC of up to \$915
- » If you are single with an income less than \$40,363 or a married couple with an income less than \$45,373 raising two children, you may get an EITC of up to \$1,510
- » If you are single with an income less than \$43,352 or a married couple with an income less than \$48,362 raising three or more children, you may get an EITC of up to \$1,699
- » If you are single with an income less than \$13,460 or a married couple with an income less than \$18,470 not raising children, you may get an EITC of up to \$137

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A Better Way for Connecticut Legislature Sets New Direction for State

Dear Neighbor,

During the recently concluded 2011 session, the legislature took decisive steps to help Connecticut turn the corner toward recovery and prosperity. New laws are taking effect that create jobs, help cities and towns, protect needed services and improve the lives of hard working families across our state.

I'm proud to have worked on several new laws that will make a real difference to New Britain's working families and seniors, including an energy reform bill that will help lower electric rates, make sure that more people get paid sick days, and new tax credits for working people.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions on these issues or any others.

Human Services Committee, Chair

This term Speaker Donovan appointed me Chair of the Human Services Committee. This committee has cognizance over the Department of Social Services, The Department of Children and Families as well as a quarter of the State's Budget.



Rep. Tercyak with Joyce Bray, President of CT Breast Health Initiative, Speaker Donovan and Sen. Gerratana at a CT Breast Health Initiative award reception at the Capitol

Saluting Our Veterans

Providing a better life to those who protect us

Veterans, along with their families, have sacrificed so much so we can enjoy our freedom and a democratic way of life. Veterans returning from foreign engagements need to know that we appreciate what they do for us and that means passing legislation that helps them and their families.

Veterans' bills passed this session:

- » Offer veterans' license plates to a member of the U. S. armed forces or his or her surviving spouse.
- » Expand the waiver of property tax interest for certain armed forces members in Iraq and Afghanistan.
- » Allow veteran status to be on a driver's license or identity card.
- » Waive the \$20 fee for one certified copy of a veteran's death certificate when requested by family.
- » Provide disabled wartime veterans with free parking, admission, and boat access parking to state recreational areas.
- » Create a one-stop website for services available for veterans.

Better Health Care Access & Affordability

Health care benefits are one of the largest expenses faced by individuals and employers. We enacted an important new law that protects and increases access to quality, affordable health care.

The Connecticut Health Care Partnership offers the state health insurance coverage to municipalities and to non-profit organizations. Taking advantage of the increased bargaining power and reduced administrative costs associated with the state plan will allow municipalities and non-profits to provide quality care with less cost. When municipalities save money on health care, those savings are passed down to property taxpayers. I'm working to let small businesses and individuals join the pool.

Paid Sick Days

For years I fought to increase access to quality, affordable health care. This year I sponsored legislation that allows service employees at companies with 50 or more workers to earn up to 5 paid sick days annually to care for themselves or their families.

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Paid Sick Days

Rep. Tercyak discusses new paid sick days law that will keep workers healthier and protect the public's health.



Working Together in the Community

Rep. Tercyak speaks about the vital services and programs that Human Resources Agency of New Britain (HRA) provide for New Britain residents.

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