



Dear Neighbor:

Now that the 2013 legislative session has come to a close, I wanted to reflect on some of our accomplishments and request your feedback.

While we were able to make many improvements in our state, we still faced a very difficult budget year where many important programs and services faced significant funding cuts. I am pleased that through all of that, New Britain has remained whole, and even got a small funding boost in the state budget, the details of which can be found in this mailer.

Thank you for all your calls, letters, emails, and for taking the time to meet with me throughout the session. Be assured that I will continue to fight for New Britain in Hartford so that your voices are heard.

Sincerely,

Peter Tercyak, State Representative

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BRINGING YOUR TAX DOLLARS HOME

Despite the difficulties surrounding our biennial budget debate, I am proud to have not only maintained, but increased funding for New Britain. I was committed to preserving the safety net our community depends on, while preventing property taxes from rising. Below are the budget appropriations for New Britain.

NEW BRITAIN FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 AID

Education Cost Sharing	\$81,027,680
Priority School Districts	\$2,258,896
PILOT: State Owned Property	\$2,911,383
PILOT: Colleges & Hospitals	\$2,097,222
Pequot/Mohegan Revenue Sharing	\$2,287,412
School Transportation	\$1,363,472
Town Aid Roads	\$773,099
Adult Education	\$580,775
Total State Funds to New Britain (2014)	\$95,886,528
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Increase Funding From 2013-2014	\$3,009,859



Representative Tercyak speaking during Polish Constitution Day



Representative Tercyak discussing legislation in the House Chamber



Representative Tercyak discussing policy at the Capitol

CT TAX AMNESTY PROGRAM

The Connecticut Tax Amnesty Program provides individuals and businesses with a 60-day window of opportunity to pay Connecticut back taxes at a reduced interest rate and avoid penalties and criminal prosecution. **The amnesty program begins Monday, September 16, 2013 and ends Friday, November 15, 2013.** Amnesty is open to individuals or businesses owing Connecticut taxes for any period ending on or before November 30, 2012. After the amnesty period ends, taxpayers will be responsible for all penalties as well as the interest owed on their tax debt.

WHO CAN APPLY FOR THE TAX AMNESTY PROGRAM?

- Individuals or businesses that owe taxes and are required by law to file a tax return with DRS - within an eligible tax period - but have not filed.
- Individuals or businesses that previously filed a tax return with DRS - for an eligible tax period - but did not report all the tax that was due.
- Individuals or businesses that currently have an unpaid tax liability with DRS which includes penalty and/or interest.
- Individuals or businesses currently under audit by DRS for periods ending on or before November 30, 2012.
- Any individual taxpayer or business currently pursuing civil litigation with the DRS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

Call: Amnesty Help Line 877-729-6691

E-mail: DRS.Amnesty@po.state.ct.us

Online: www.makeitrightct.com



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT

This law provides new protections for both victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. It will require the Judicial Branch to develop a plan to include temporary financial support as part of the relief available to domestic violence victims through the civil restraining order.

The legislation sets up a task force that will look at whether there are certain times when a restraining order is necessary for a victim of sexual assault or stalking. It also permits a sexual assault victim to terminate a rental agreement without penalty under some circumstances. If their assailant is a neighbor, or knows where the victim lives and continues the victimization by making their presence known near their home then the suffering does not end with the assault itself.

ANIMAL THERAPY

We all know that children have a natural affinity for animals. There is overwhelming evidence that animal assisted therapy can produce positive effects in our children and communities during difficult times. Most notably, following the Sandy Hook Elementary School tragedy, animal therapy groups from all over the country immediately responded to the scene with positive effect. This session we passed landmark legislation that establishes a state animal-assisted therapy response team to assist children who suffer a traumatic loss. The team will be deployed by the Department of Children and Families, as counselors are now, assuring that the teams are qualified and registered to respond in these traumatic situations.



MINIMUM SCHOOL ROOF PITCH

With the passage of PA 13-256, we have revised the state requirement of school roof pitch from 1/2 inch per foot to the State Building Code standard minimum of 1/4 inch per foot. This small reduction will save the state on average \$5 million on a single large scale project. The change will not affect drainage or lead to pooling of water, to a greater degree than that of a roof with a minimum 1/2 inch per foot.

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