



Rep. Verrengia speaks with Senator Beth Bye in the Legislative Office Building.

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 we appreciate what they do for us and that meant passing legislation helping them and their families.

Veterans' laws passed this session:

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

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Dear Neighbor,

In response to the unprecedented October snowstorm, one of my top priorities is to address our emergency preparedness and power restoration problems, which plagued us during the storm.

During the storm I was in constant contact with our municipal leaders, state leaders, local and state emergency centers and CL&P. I worked tirelessly to coordinate recovery efforts, assisted residents with their concerns, and located helpful information.

Now that the storm has passed, I will focus my fullest attention on holding CL&P accountable. Particularly, their failure to adequately restore power in a timely manner, lack of resources, and inability to communicate accurate information to local and state officials.

Representing you in the legislature, even in the most difficult of times, has been an honor. I will continue to listen to your concerns and welcome your comments.

Warmest regards,

Joe Verrengia



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A Balanced Budget

We crafted a balanced budget where spending cuts outweigh taxes two to one, without borrowing for operating expenses. The state budget protects the middle class by increasing the millionaire's tax, restoring a \$300 property tax credit and eliminating the proposed increase to the gas tax.

It ensures a leaner more efficient government by reducing the number of state agencies from 81 to 56. We streamlined government while still serving the people of our state.

State Funds for West Hartford

Education Cost Sharing	\$16,076,120
Adult Education	\$138,949
Road Construction	\$338,922
Local Capital Improvements	\$459,555



Rep Verrengia monitoring the progress of road improvements on New Britain Ave.

Creating Jobs- My#1 Priority

We implemented many job creating measures this year, including:

- » Expanding of the UConn Health Center
- » Creating of a UConn Tech Park that will spur job creation
- » Positioning Connecticut as the preeminent bioscience research state in the country with the relocation of Jackson Laboratories
- » Encouraging large companies to add jobs or move to our state by expanding the "First Five" program
- » Saving our Vo-tech schools that teach the skills that put people to work
- » Cutting the business entity tax in half
- » The Majority Leaders' Job Growth Roundtable also took steps to encourage entrepreneurship and job creation.

Protecting the Use of Recreational Land

Having served as a Metropolitan District commissioner until the beginning of this year, I was proud to co-sponsor legislation guaranteeing the public's right to use municipal land for recreation. Cities and towns can now open up lands for recreation without worrying about liability from recreational accidents.

Meeting Children's Special Needs

The State Bond Commission approved \$250,000 for the funding of Miracle Field in West Hartford. This playscape will help change the lives of children with disabilities who are physically challenged. With easier access, and friendly field enhancements, these children will be able to partake in and enjoy recreational activities like they never have before. I was delighted and honored to help move this project along and I look forward to a ribbon cutting in the spring.

Expanding DNA Collection

DNA samples will now be collected from convicted felons after a subsequent arrest and conviction. Since felons are likely to have committed other crimes, DNA can help close unsolved cases with matches against a national database.

Preventing Drunk Driving

Ignition interlock devices are required for repeat drunk driving offenders preventing them from starting their vehicle if their blood alcohol content (BAC) exceeds .08 percent.

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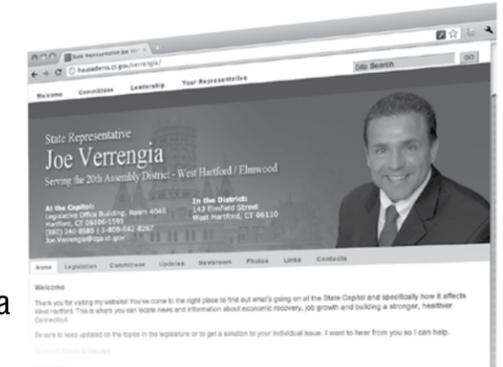
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Rep. Verrengia visits with students at West Hartford's magnet school.

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