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During the 2011 session, the legislature had its hands full working to address the state budget crises and encouraging job growth.

While these issues are my main priority and dominate the headlines, there are other important bills I supported that impact our community that you should be aware of.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact me with your thoughts and ideas.

Sincerely,

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## AFFORDABLE, QUALITY HEALTH CARE

This session, the legislature further reduced the cost of health care. These costs are an enormous hardship on individuals and families, and are hindering further development and job growth in our state. In particular, I supported a health care bill that allows non-profit organizations and municipalities to join the state pool to purchase quality, affordable health insurance, saving them and the state millions of dollars.

## HELPING SENIORS WITH GROCERY BILLS

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the old Food Stamp program, has expanded its income requirements and benefit amounts, making it easier for more seniors to qualify for and afford their groceries. A household of two can earn up to \$2,248 monthly and still qualify for assistance. More information is available at: [www.ct.gov/SNAP](http://www.ct.gov/SNAP) | 800.742.6906

## BULLYING

In November, the state's Commission on Children held a forum on bullying and cyber-bullying and their effects on school performance, self-esteem and mental health. This session, I worked on legislation to teach educators and parents about cyber-bullying, establishing clear policies to prevent, identify and address it.

## THE COST OF ENERGY

Businesses and residents of Connecticut currently pay some of the highest energy rates in the country – a full 15 percent higher than any other New England state. We can't allow this to continue. That's why I supported bills that reduced energy costs, helped overburdened residents and gave businesses additional capital that can be used to create and expand jobs.

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