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Please return this survey. I'm looking forward to hearing from you!



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## 2012 Constituent Survey

Dear Neighbor,

There's been some good news lately that our economy is improving, employment is increasing, and state revenues are recovering. Our future is looking brighter.

The General Assembly and Governor Malloy reduced both the size and the cost of state government through consolidation, productivity increases, and renegotiated employee contracts. We've maintained the safety net. We shored-up funds to cities to help mitigate increasing property taxes. We created a fair tax structure that spreads the burden to the richest among us.

So I'm asking you to fill out this survey and send it back to me. I'm still optimistic. I will keep protecting the vulnerable, especially seniors, children and our embattled middle-class working families.

With hope for a better 2012.

Your Opinion Counts!  
Survey 2012



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Reliable utility service is essential to Connecticut's economy and our everyday life. As we continue to recover from both Hurricane Irene and the October Nor'easter, it is vital our utility companies are prepared to restore power during these extreme events.

**How can the state improve emergency and utility company response efforts?**

Please rate the following choices on their importance (1=most important, 3=least important).

**Prevention Strategies**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Create response standards so work crews are better prepared to restore power
- \_\_\_\_\_ Require better communication between state and local officials
- \_\_\_\_\_ Create and enforce storm preparation standards for utilities

**Utility Infrastructure**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Develop emergency response contracts between utilities and electrical and tree trimming contractors
- \_\_\_\_\_ Establish minimum staffing levels relative to the number of customers
- \_\_\_\_\_ Require utility personnel to be independently certified and trained for their response activities

**Outage Restoration Practices**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Set reasonable standards with respect to outage recovery priorities (such as hospitals)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Determine crew deployment and power reinstatement priority on a regional basis
- \_\_\_\_\_ Establish procedures to monitor the effectiveness of coordinated response

**What concerns you and your family the most?**

Please check all that apply.

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| _____ Things are fine as they are        | _____ I'm concerned about traffic safety in New Haven |
| _____ I'm afraid I'll lose my job        | _____ I can't afford car insurance                    |
| _____ I'm afraid I'll lose my home       | _____ I can't find an affordable place to live        |
| _____ I've lost my job                   | _____ I'm afraid of criminals or drug abusers         |
| _____ There aren't enough career choices | _____ I'm concerned about high utility and gas prices |
| _____ I can't afford health care         | _____ Other _____                                     |

**The Budget: State Spending.**

We adopted a budget in June, 2011 that is tough, balanced, honest, and fair. It begins to address structural deficiencies while preserving the safety net for those that need it most. While I am optimistic the economy is steadily improving, it is also important to be prepared for similar challenges down the road. With the state budgetary constraints and economic difficulties in mind, which of these programs would you cut a lot, cut a little, or try to protect. Please check one box for each program.

	<b>Cut</b>	A lot	Some	Protect		<b>Cut</b>	A lot	Some	Protect
Aid to Businesses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Open Space Land Purchases	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Aid to Families with Children	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prescription Drugs for Seniors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Aid to the Disabled	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prescription Drugs for Families	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Aid to the Mentally Ill	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Protecting the Environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
or Developmentally Disabled	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prisons	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Aid to Municipalities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rental Assistance for Families	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Buses and Railroads	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rental Assistance for Seniors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Crime Victim Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Roads, Bridges and Highways	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public Schools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The State Courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drug Abuse Prevention Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	State Universities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drug Abuse Rehabilitation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The State Police	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health Care Assistance for Seniors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Veteran Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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