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2015 LEGISLATIVE PREVIEW

I want to thank you for your support and for allowing me the privilege of representing you in the Connecticut General Assembly. I consider it an honor and will work hard to validate the trust that you have placed in me.

We still face challenges as Connecticut turns the corner to economic recovery. I am committed to working together for a leaner, more efficient government while ensuring that we maintain essential services.

The 2015 Legislative Session is now underway. For this term, I have been appointed to positions on the Appropriations, Education, and Transportation Committees.

Please keep in touch and contact me with issues, concerns, or suggestions as to how I can more effectively serve you. Feel free to call my office at (800) 842-8267 or cell phone (203) 522-3037. Your input will help me make our community an even better place to live and work.

Thank you for allowing me the honor of serving you. Best wishes for a happy and healthy 2015!

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JOB GROWTH IS NUMBER ONE

To keep Connecticut economically competitive with neighboring states, we must support business growth and job creation by attracting businesses, training workers, and providing incentives for them to remain in the state. Improving tax credits for new hires, investing in emerging technologies, and providing more jobs for our veterans have been successful, but more can be done. All these measures and more will grow our local economy and provide better job opportunities for our residents.

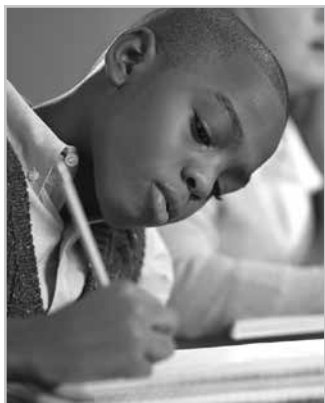


SUPPORTING OUR SENIORS

Seniors face a variety of challenges including maintaining their health and keeping up with the bills on a fixed income. The legislature supports seniors in a number of ways: We send state funds to towns that help stabilize local property taxes, we pass tough consumer protection laws and we help pass measures to help seniors live independently. A special task force on “aging in place” is recommending ways to help older adults safely and comfortably remain in their homes.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS

Connecticut’s transportation system is the engine that powers the state’s economy. Our investments in high-speed and commuter rail along the I-91/95 corridor as well as our commitment to light rail and other mass transit options across the state will help get vehicles off our crowded roads and keep commerce moving. Our push to modernize our roads and bridges and work with the federal government for every transportation dollar available will be helpful to businesses and families alike.



EDUCATION

Connecticut has a history of excellence in education but we must still work to make our students and teachers a top priority in 2015 as they face new challenges. In 2014, the legislature passed historic legislation that sets the stage for universal pre-K. Educating today’s students for 21st century jobs begins with a solid foundation in preschool and elementary school. Improving our education system statewide will ensure the success of all of our children, but also Connecticut’s prosperity.