

Supporting Family Caregivers

I was proud to co-sponsor the CARE Act—legislation which requires hospitals to:

- Provide each patient with the opportunity to designate a caregiver during the patient's admission to the hospital
- Make reasonable attempts to notify the designated caregiver if the patient is to be discharged back to his or her home
- Provide the caregiver with instructions on how to perform medication management, wound care, injections or other medical tasks for the patient when the patient returns home



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From Your State Senator JOE CRISCO Legislative Update for Derby



Regionalism in the Valley: Sharing Equipment

I am pleased to bring you up-to-date on Derby's participation in the state's Capital Equipment Program. This new program **helps towns and cities save money and moves the burden away from property taxpayers** by providing state funding for capital equipment that can be shared by several towns. Currently, Derby's participation is as follows:

- Funding for a storm drain vacuum truck to be shared by Derby, Beacon Falls, Seymour and Oxford
- Funding for a food service truck to be shared by Derby and Ansonia

Providing Tax Relief for Veterans

I proudly co-sponsored a proposal to deliver a **major tax break for retired veterans by providing a 100 percent state income tax exemption** for federally taxable military retirement pay. Current law in Connecticut provides for a 50 percent exemption of federal retirement pay to retired members of the Armed Forces.

Griffin Hospital Visits the Capitol

I was honored to welcome staff from Griffin Hospital to the State Capitol for a discussion on various budget issues and how they are impacting the work done in our hospitals. It was a productive conversation and I've made it a point to pass on their perspectives to my colleagues. I'm pleased to report that potential funding for Griffin Hospital emergency services was retained in the bonding bill.