



Allowing Sunday Sale of Alcohol

No longer do people in Connecticut have to drive across the border to purchase alcohol on Sundays and summer holidays. I led passage of a bill that rolled back the state's antiquated liquor laws and gives consumers more options when they buy alcohol. The bill allows for alcohol sales from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays and permits package stores to choose one sale item per month.



Protecting Home Buyers

Buying a home is a big investment. People deserve to know the true condition of the home where they plan to put down roots. I helped pass a key bill that will let home buyers make more informed decisions by requiring more disclosure of property conditions, such as: presence of underground tanks or hazardous substances, whether the home has appropriate building permits, if there are working smoke detectors inside, and if the property has association fees.



Empowering Consumers with 1 Free Item

Whether it's a watermelon or a bunch of broccoli, if a piece of fruit or vegetable rings up at the wrong price, the buyer gets it for free, thanks to a new pro-consumer bill that I championed. The bill expands the "one free item" law to include retail foods without bar codes, including ones that must be weighed at purchase, like fruits and veggies.

Manufacturing Internships

Manufacturing is a key part of our economy, which is why I have fought for programs to help small manufacturers grow and hire more workers. I was proud to vote for legislation that will allow high school students 16 and older to get manufacturing internships. Our state needs more workers with high-tech manufacturing skills and this bill will empower students to achieve that goal.

Growing Jobs, Strengthening the Economy

Thanks to our October Jobs Bill, more businesses are growing and hiring new workers. In our Senate district, Centerplan Construction Company and Greenskies Renewable of Middletown each received Small Business Express grants to expand and create jobs. Other businesses utilizing state jobs programs include Beacon Industries (which acquired TECT Power in Newington and is expanding its workforce) and C&C Janitorial Supplies, also in Newington. This is a job creation strategy that works.



Chari Baldwin (above) gives me a tour of family-owned Baldwin Lawn Furniture in Middletown. I visited Chari and her husband Max to talk about the "Connecticut Made" marketing campaign that is part of the jobs legislation we passed this year. Their company is poised to benefit from this promotion of locally-made quality products.



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Resources

In addition to our work this session, last October we passed a historic, bipartisan Jobs Bill to help small businesses and workers by improving access to capital, job training and education. Below is a list of programs and contact information that could benefit you or someone you know.

- ▶ **Job Expansion Tax Credits** for small businesses: www.decd.org
- ▶ **Small Business Express Package** to get funding for your small business: www.decd.org, or contact Michelle Lugo at 860-270-8052 or michelle.lugo@ct.gov
- ▶ **STEP-Up** (Subsidized Training & Employment Programs) provides worker training subsidies for small businesses and small manufacturers: contact Rina Bakalar at the Office for Workforce Competitiveness, 860-263-6523 or rina.bakalar@ct.gov
- ▶ **Connecticut Reemployment Portal** if you have recently lost a job and are looking for work: www1.ctdol.state.ct.us/CTReP
- ▶ **Job & Career Connection** for details on job and training programs: www.ctjobandcareer.org

To learn more, visit: www.senatedems.ct.gov/GrowJobs



I joined Middletown business owner Rick Wright of Royal Display, a manufacturer of wire display racks, that took advantage of the recently enacted STEP-Up program that I helped pass into law in 2011.



With Moody School students after their recent tour of the State Capitol.

Education Reforms

Every child deserves a first-class education. That's why we worked with teachers, education advocates and Governor Malloy to pass a historic education reform plan. It provides interventions and innovative new strategies for high-need schools and support for children and families. It invests in communities and ensures high-quality teaching in the classroom. The new law provides:

- ▶ Funding for 1,000 new early childhood slots
- ▶ 20 new or expanded school-based health centers
- ▶ Kindergarten through third-grade reading programs
- ▶ Innovative approaches to teaching English Language Learners
- ▶ Increased funding for new and existing Family Resource Centers
- ▶ A fair and validated evaluation system that will help teachers improve
- ▶ Additional funding to school districts across the state

JOBS

How do you improve on one of the most successful Connecticut job-creation and economic assistance plans ever created?

You make it available to even more businesses and employees.

This year Senate Democrats expanded the bipartisan Jobs Bill that we originally approved last October. That means:

- ▶ Extending incentives to thousands of additional small and medium size businesses which will lead to more state manufacturers hiring, buying, training and expanding;
- ▶ Additional job-training support for post-9/11 combat veterans through the expansion of our new state STEP-Up Program;
- ▶ A "Connecticut Made" marketing campaign that advertises and markets locally made products; and,
- ▶ A stronger "First Five" business incentive program that gives preference to companies that move jobs from overseas back to Connecticut.

A COMMITMENT TO

CREATING

Protecting Consumers, Fighting Price Gouging



Last year we saw some of the worst of what Mother Nature has to offer. Record-breaking snowfall and a powerful tropical storm wreaked havoc, causing downed trees, power outages and roof collapses. We came together as a state to clean up and repair homes after the storms.

In the Senate, we crafted legislation that extends protections from price-gouging to emergency lodging and weather-related services such as snow removal, flood abatement, clean-up and repairs.

The package we passed in the Senate went even further by protecting people against:

- ▶ Unnecessary collection of Social Security numbers;
- ▶ Deceptive automatic renewal language buried in the fine print of introductory offers; and,
- ▶ Telemarketers giving false or misleading identifying information.

Though not all of these bills passed in the House, they are important issues that the General Assembly should remain focused on next year.

Relief at the Pump

This session I helped pass a comprehensive plan that caps the gross receipts tax by applying it to only the first \$3 a gallon when gas is sold on the wholesale market. The plan also strengthens protections against price gouging, cracks down on oil profiteering, and ensures that savings from the cap get passed along to consumers.

We can't affect the price of oil on the international exchange—but we can give our Dept. of Consumer Protection and Attorney General tools to ensure large oil wholesalers don't take advantage of rising prices to unfairly gouge consumers.

