

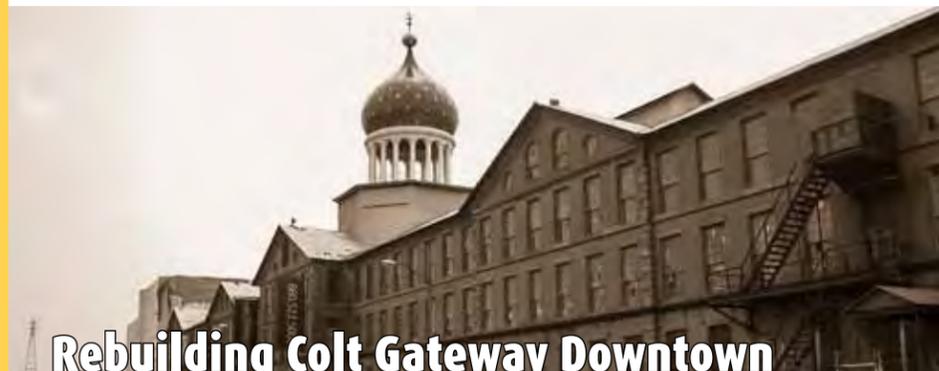


Focused Deterrence for Gun Crimes

Shootings in Hartford concern all of us. The vast majority of gun crimes are committed by a small number of people. A new policing concept called "Focused Deterrence" involves working closely with those most at risk for violence, strictly supervising past offenders on probation, and helping former convicts find jobs after prison. This new approach has produced great results in cities like Boston and Chicago, and I am proud to stand with the governor and Mayor Segarra to support its introduction here in Hartford.

New Investment in Hartford

I am pleased to support the governor's proposal to redesign the Capital City Economic Development Authority (CCEDA), originally created to carry out major downtown Hartford projects like the Convention Center and the Connecticut Science Center. The renamed and restructured Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA) will serve a larger area across the whole city, including key commercial corridors like Park Street. The CRDA will work to spur economic development and investment in our city, increase tourism and redevelop vacant buildings. I also worked hard to include a \$60 million investment in downtown housing.



Rebuilding Colt Gateway Downtown

I helped secure \$5 million this year to help revitalize the Colt factory building with a modern mix of retail, commercial space and brand-new apartments. The new Colt Gateway will link residents to downtown's Adriaen's Landing, Front Street and the Connecticut River.

Protecting Utility Customers

Northeast Utilities, the parent company of Connecticut Light & Power (CL&P), merged with the Massachusetts-based company NSTAR earlier this year. As Energy Committee co-chair, I worked with Governor Malloy and other state leaders to ensure that ratepayers would get a fair deal. As a result, current electric distribution rates will remain frozen until December, 2014; the number of line workers in Connecticut will be maintained; CL&P will maintain a corporate office in Hartford; and residential customers received a \$16.20 credit on May's electric bill.



Renovating Wethersfield High School

This spring, voters approved a series of improvements to Wethersfield High School. The project will add new classrooms and laboratories and expand the existing gymnasium, cafeteria and auditorium. I worked with others to help pass legislation this year that will maximize the amount of money the town may be reimbursed for this effort by the state. This will save Wethersfield taxpayers money while providing students with a state-of-the-art renovated high school that everyone in Wethersfield can be proud of.



Repair of the Route 3 Bridge in Wethersfield

The Putnam Bridge in Wethersfield carries Route 3 over the Connecticut River. No major work has been done on the bridge since 1987, and it is due for repairs. Working with my colleagues, I helped to secure \$24.4 million to repair the bridge and add a pedestrian walkway. This will provide bikers and walkers from Wethersfield an easy route to Glastonbury and enable them to enjoy scenic views of the river as they cross. The project will support several hundred construction jobs and work is expected to begin next spring.



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Speaking at the Laurel Place Apartments in Hartford following the installation of a new 60-panel solar thermal system—one of the largest of its kind in Connecticut.

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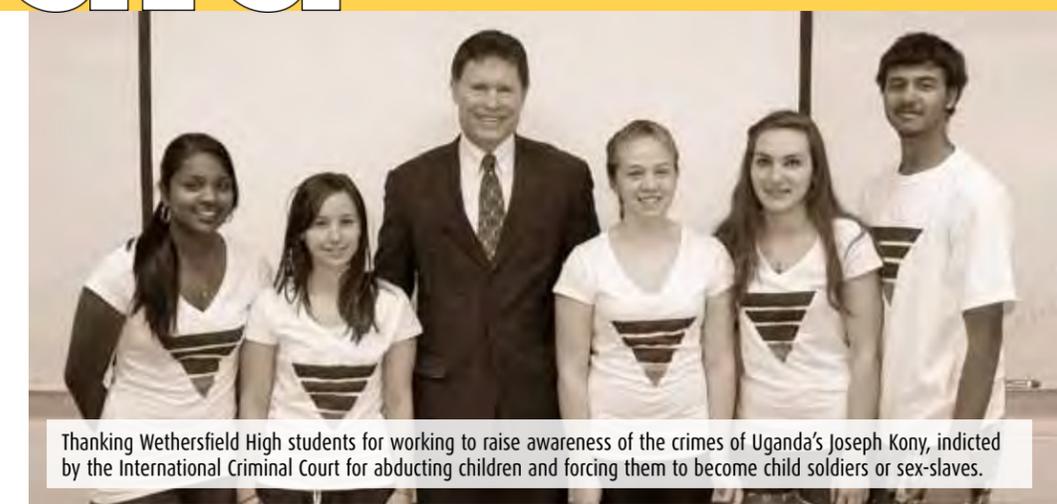
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Storm Response

The twin storms that struck our state last year were devastating. As much as 98% of Wethersfield was left without power for two days—even longer for some. As Chair of the Energy & Technology Committee, I led passage of legislation this year to ensure the state and utility companies will work together and be better prepared next time.

Downed tree limbs were by far the greatest cause of power outages, so tree trimming will be increased significantly as a preventative measure for the future. When the next big storm inevitably does arrive, gas, electric and telecommunications utilities will be held to strict performance standards. Companies that do not comply will face penalties.

The bill will also strengthen our utility infrastructure through the undergrounding of wires when feasible and the establishment of microgrids—small, independent generators at key locations like fire houses, hospitals and gas stations.



Thanking Wethersfield High students for working to raise awareness of the crimes of Uganda's Joseph Kony, indicted by the International Criminal Court for abducting children and forcing them to become child soldiers or sex-slaves.

REBUILDING OUR ECONOMY

Helping Small Businesses Grow

As the economic recovery continues, far too many people are still left without jobs. That's why I voted this year to expand the Small Business Express Program, an initiative that provides low-interest loans and grants to small companies—the kind that hire more people than any other.

The program is already helping firms like Reliable Electric Motors and Capitol Printing Co. in Hartford to expand their businesses, invest in new equipment, and hire additional employees.

Supporting Training in Valuable Job Skills

Learning a trade can provide a path to a good job with a good income for many adults. I worked this year to secure \$125,000 in funding for trades programs for adults at A.I. Prince Technical High School. Training will be made available to adult students in valuable carpentry, manufacturing and information technology skills.



Education Reforms

Every child deserves a first-class education, yet 23 of the 100 lowest-performing schools in Connecticut are right here in Hartford. That's why I worked with teachers, Governor Malloy and others to pass a historic education reform plan this year. Among other things, it will:

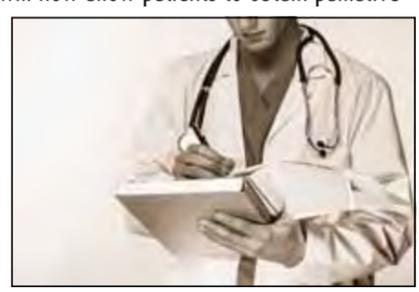
- Provide funding for 1,000 new early childhood slots statewide
- Create a Commissioner's Network of our highest-need schools to turn them around with input from teachers and parents
- Introduce a new K-3 reading program to identify and help struggling students
- Fund 10 new Family Resource Centers and 20 School-Based Health Centers
- Increase incentives for suburban school districts to provide more seats for Hartford students through the Open Choice program

This bill was an important step forward, but much more must still be done. I will continue working for the needs of all students, especially those who are learning English.

When Hartford students graduate with the education they need to go on to college or work, we all win. If we fail to improve our neediest schools, the cost to our communities will be far greater than the investment we make now.

Medical Marijuana

For many people suffering from chronic medical conditions, marijuana treatment provides the only available relief. Connecticut will now allow patients to obtain palliative marijuana, but only after receiving a doctor's approval for one of a very specific set of severe medical conditions. To avoid exploitation and illegal black market activity, the state will license a limited number of approved marijuana producers, as well as the pharmacists who will be permitted to dispense the medication.



Inefficient Furnaces

One of the things that drives up the cost of heating our homes is old, inefficient furnaces and boilers, especially in our many older homes and apartment buildings. Replacing these energy-guzzlers with new, energy-efficient boilers and furnaces can be prohibitively expensive for many homeowners and landlords. To make these energy-saving improvements affordable for both oil and natural gas customers, I proposed a low-interest loan program to finance up to 90 percent of the cost, with monthly repayments that are added directly to a customer's electric bill. Though the bill did not pass, I am continuing to work with the new Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority to find a way to make this program a reality.

Park Street Beautification

Park Street is the beating heart of the Latino and Puerto Rican community in Hartford and the location of many successful shops and small businesses. I was proud to work with the Spanish-American Merchants Association and my colleagues to secure \$4.7 million to finance façade improvements for an additional 20 Park Street storefronts, making this vibrant retail corridor even more attractive for customers and visitors alike.

