



Another business grows in New Britain: Art Schaller, Jr., Mayor Tim O'Brien and myself as we cut the ribbon on Schaller Honda's new energy-efficient 25,000 square-foot autobody facility on its first day of business.

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There's nothing more important than helping people hold on to their jobs and helping small businesses create new jobs.

This continues to be my top priority as your State Senator.

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2012 Jobs & Economic Development Legislation

The legislative session has just ended and one of my primary accomplishments was the passage of **bipartisan jobs legislation** in the Senate. It is my hope that final action on this important legislation will be taken during a special session this summer.



With Gus Ververis of Capitol Lunch at a small business financial assistance forum held in New Britain to brief local business owners on state grants, loans and tax credits available as a result of October's legislative session on jobs.

Our bipartisan jobs legislation:

Expands existing small business programs to an estimated 3,600 additional state businesses by raising the limit from 50 to 100 employees for businesses to qualify for loans and grants.

Establishes the Unemployed Armed Forces Member STEP-Up program which will subsidize a business' cost of hiring unemployed veterans during their first 180 days on the job.

Seeks to bring overseas jobs back to Connecticut by giving a preference under the "First Five Plus" program to companies that will relocate jobs from overseas to Connecticut.

Prevents discrimination against the unemployed by preventing employment agencies and Web sites from carrying advertisements for job openings that specifically exclude the unemployed.

Creates "Connecticut Made" and "Connecticut Treasures" programs to promote locally made products and promote the state's cultural, educational and historic attractions.

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Providing 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 requires 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.

