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Preparing for a Historic 38th Voyage

I secured state bonding for a significant share of the restoration of the whaleship Charles W. Morgan, and am happy to report she is sailing again. I recently visited the ship and spoke with Mystic Seaport Shipyard Director Quentin Snediker and Captain Kip Files as they prepared for her upcoming voyage to historic New England ports.

Your State Senator

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Representing Griswold, Groton, North Stonington, Plainfield, Preston, Sterling, Stonington & Voluntown



With small business owner Harrison Macris of Mystic-based Macris Industries.



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Helping a Local Business "Go Green"

Jonathan Duncklee, owner of Duncklee Cooling & Heating in Stonington, recently partnered with Bonner Electric in Norwich to install solar panels on his business's roof. I toured the business and talked with Jonathan about Connecticut's Zero Emission Renewable Energy Credit (ZREC) Program which incentivized him to install the solar panels. By taking advantage of the state's support, these local businesses will be greener and more profitable. It's a win for the businesses, their customers and the entire state.



Cleanup at Old Norwich Hospital Site

I was proud to secure funding for cleanup of the former Norwich State Hospital property in Preston. The site is an untapped asset for the town and region, and it's vital that we partner with Preston to continue investing in the ongoing cleanup of the property. The \$5 million grant-in-aid will help with environmental remediation and demolition, ultimately resulting in a "shovel-ready" site for the developer community. This continues our commitment to job creation and economic development in Southeastern Connecticut.

Promoting Our Deep Water Ports

After years of hard work, I led passage this spring of legislation that creates a statewide Port Authority. This puts Connecticut on the path to realizing the full potential of our ports, including New London's. The Port Authority will be charged with coordinating the state's port development, pursuing federal and state funds for dredging and other infrastructure improvements to increase cargo movement through the ports, and marketing the advantages of the ports to the domestic and international shipping industry.



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Committed to Economic Recovery

Since the start of the global economic recession I've made it my mission as your State Senator to help small and mid-size businesses grow, create and retain jobs and put people back to work. As a result of bipartisan legislation, we launched the STEP-Up and Small Business Express programs which have assisted almost 2,000 of Connecticut's small businesses create or preserve more than 17,000 jobs. These initiatives offer job training support for veterans and the unemployed and low-interest loans and grants for small businesses.

Over the last four years we have created more than 65,000 jobs and our unemployment rate recently fell below 7 percent for the first time since 2009. However, our work is not done.

Looking forward, Connecticut's new partnership with United Technologies Corporation will solidify our position as a world leader in aerospace manufacturing. Most importantly, this agreement has a direct impact on the 75,000 jobs at the thousands of aerospace supply chain companies throughout the state, ensuring they are keeping and creating good-paying jobs with good benefits for men and women in nearly every city and town in Connecticut.



Talking with Peter Legnos, president of LBI Corp., and two of his employees about how the company has used the state's STEP-Up program to hire and train new workers in their marine fiberglass and fabrication business.

Jobs for Veterans

I supported a bill that will remove barriers to entry into the civilian workplace for those who learned employable skills while in the service. This legislation will require state licensing authorities to accept military training and experience, where appropriate, as a substitute for other requirements, and will allow veterans to gain streamlined occupational certifications.



Veterans talk to employers at a Heroes for Hire job fair.

Resources to Grow Jobs

- ▶ **Job Expansion Tax Credits** for small businesses: www.decd.org
- ▶ **Small Business Express** to get funding for your small business: tinyurl.com/SmallBizXpress, or contact Michelle Peters at 860-270-8052 or Michelle.Peters@ct.gov
- ▶ **STEP-Up** (Subsidized Training & Employment Programs) provides worker training subsidies for small businesses and small manufacturers: www.stepct.com
- ▶ **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
- ▶ Learn more about **Job Growth in Connecticut**: www.senatedems.ct.gov/GrowJobs



With AARP volunteers and a constituent at my Senior Fair in Groton.

A Rebate for Senior Renters

Being able to stay in their own home is a top priority for many senior citizens; however, this is a challenge for those living on a fixed income. In order to help offset a portion of their rent and utility expenses, we've re-opened the Elderly Renters' Rebate Program. Eligible persons may apply between April 1 and October 1. Questions about the program and payments should be directed to the Renter's Rebate Hotline at 860-418-6377.

Stronger Do Not Call List

Shady telemarketers are increasingly ignoring our "Do Not Call Registry" resulting in unwanted and intrusive telemarketing calls and text messages. As technology evolves it is easier to get around the law and employ high-pressure sales tactics. That's why we passed a law this year to help Connecticut crack down on violators by increasing penalties and eliminating unsolicited text messages.

A Smart Start for Our Kids

Recognizing there is no better way to set students on the path to lifelong learning success than a high quality pre-kindergarten experience, we created the Connecticut Smart Start program to provide 50,000 more children access to vital early education in our public schools. Combined with additional slots for private providers, our comprehensive pre-K package will reduce the achievement gap and ensure that all children are ready to learn when they arrive at kindergarten. Every dollar invested in pre-K saves \$7 in avoided special and remedial education and criminal justice costs.

