



### Protecting Our Community

For six years, a loophole in state law allowed developers of solid waste facility projects to bypass local zoning boards. When one of those projects threatened to do harm in a residential neighborhood in Milford, we took up the cause and fought for passage of a bill to restore municipal oversight. Now cities and towns will have a say in where those kinds of facilities can be placed, so our neighbors and families will not be threatened by contamination or health risks.

## LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### Saving College Athletes' Lives

Sending your child off to college is a scary thing. The least we can do is make sure our students are safe when they are involved in college athletics. We learned from the tragedy of one mother in Orange how important it is to have life-saving equipment on the field for athletes. Thanks to her courage, we passed legislation to require placement of an automated external defibrillator, or AED, on college athletic fields in the hopes that no parent or family will have to suffer the same tragedy.

### Expanding Bridges Milford

There is nothing more heartbreaking than when someone suffers from a mental health illness or addiction problem. Bridges Milford is a place where people can come to get help and find hope. I was honored to help secure state funding for the expansion of this critical community organization. I attended the groundbreaking for the Moses M. Malkin Center last month, and look forward to watching Bridges help thousands more families.

### Strengthening Storm Response with GIS Data

To avoid the frustration endured after last year's tropical storm and October snowstorm I championed a law—with the assistance of GIS coordinators from Milford and around the state—to improve emergency storm response by requiring utilities to share key mapping information. The new law requires power companies to make Geographic Information Systems (GIS) data available about utility poles and transformers so first responders can more quickly and efficiently access priority areas. Now utilities will help local planners execute better storm-response strategies.

### Aid For Our Towns

A very important part of my job representing the people of Milford, Orange and West Haven is ensuring our towns receive their fair share of state funding. We kept our funding commitment to our communities by increasing aid to the 14th District this year without raising any additional taxes.

FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
\$62,081,489	\$62,213,222	\$63,939,375

### 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.



### Thanking Our Veterans



I recently stood with veterans at Silver Sands State Park to highlight a new law that gives disabled veterans who live in Connecticut free access to state parks. They certainly deserve it!



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We invested in research and innovation to help bring cutting-edge technologies and solid jobs to Connecticut. There are more than 700 bioscience companies in the state employing 27,000 residents. Most of these companies are small companies, but the industry in total spends more than \$6 billion annually on operations in the state.

## Priority #1 JOBS

Getting our state's economy back on track and helping folks find jobs remain my top priorities. While our economy isn't where we want it to be, Connecticut stands out as one of the few states that is investing in job training and job creation.

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

- ▶ Extending help 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 Treasures marketing campaign that promotes Connecticut's wealth of cultural, educational and tourist destinations;
- ▶ A stronger "First Five" business incentive program that encourages companies to move jobs from overseas back to Connecticut.

## HELPING OUR BUSINESSES

Since the economic downturn, I have been listening to you to find out what businesses need from our state government to stay in our state and thrive. This session I supported legislation that has built upon the success from the comprehensive package of new programs implemented in Fall 2011. Below is a list of programs that could benefit you or a local business you patronize.

- ▶ Connecticut businesses may be eligible for tax credits of \$500-\$900 per month for each new full-time job created through the **Job Expansion Tax Credit Program (JET)**. Contact: Lindy Lee Gold at [lindylee.gold@ct.gov](mailto:lindylee.gold@ct.gov)
- ▶ If your business has 100 or fewer employees The **Small Business Express Program** may be able to help you create jobs and grow your business. The program offers revolving loan funds, forgivable loan job creation incentives and job creation matching grants. Contact: Michelle Lugo at [michelle.lugo@ct.gov](mailto:michelle.lugo@ct.gov)
- ▶ The **Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority** can help your business lower its energy costs by working with you to take advantage of clean energy and energy-efficiency opportunities as well as assist in financing your project. Contact [cefiainfo@ctcleanenergy.com](mailto:cefiainfo@ctcleanenergy.com)
- ▶ **CT-Made** is a new program that showcases products made here through a statewide marketing plan. This program is brand new. Contact my office for the latest details.

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Touring the former Bayer corporate campus in Orange and West Haven that Yale University is transforming into a new biomedical research center. 300 people are working on-site at present with plans for as many as 1,600 jobs at the facility in the future. Photo courtesy of Michael Marsland, Yale University.



## EDUCATION REFORMS

In order to get Connecticut's economy on a stronger path we must ensure that our workforce is well educated. That means making progress in our schools, from the earliest learners through high school and college. Education reforms passed this session include:

- ▶ Creating more access to early childhood school readiness slots for 1,000 preschoolers
- ▶ Enhancing K thru 3 reading programs
- ▶ Revising tenure laws to help school systems retain the highest quality instructional and administrative personnel
- ▶ Creating the Commissioner's Network to help turn around chronically underperforming schools
- ▶ Providing additional funding for school districts
- ▶ Allowing high school students age 16 and older to acquire hands-on manufacturing internships

## Real Local Results From Jobs Legislation

As a result of the Jobs Bill that I helped pass last October (and helped expand in June), companies in Milford, Orange and West Haven will see new investment and new jobs.

With our Small Business Express program, Nature's First in Orange will hire new employees and retain others on the payroll; Archer Sign Service in Milford and Thermaxx of West Haven will also grow and keep jobs. And Kemper Manufacturing, Archer Signs, Orange Fence and several other local firms are hiring and training new employees with the help of STEP-Up, Connecticut's new subsidized job-training program.

## 'Aging in Place'

This session I voted for an initiative to help Connecticut encourage and transition what's called 'aging in place,' a comprehensive shift from institutionalized care to home health services for the elderly. The legislation establishes a 15-member task force that is to report its findings to the General Assembly by this January.

