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Safer Streets

In an effort to make our roads safer I voted for a Vulnerable User law to hold drivers accountable when they cause injury to pedestrians, cyclists, road workers and others. New Haven has the highest percentage of residents in New England who walk or bike to work and in recent years Greater New Haven has been the scene of several tragedies involving pedestrians, cyclists and officers attached to road work crews.

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A New Q House

I was pleased to join Governor Malloy and New Haven's legislative delegation in announcing that \$1 million in state funding has been approved to assist with the revitalization of the Q House community center. Until it closed its doors in 2003, the Q House was an important part of the Dixwell and Newhallville neighborhoods going back to the 1920s, offering after-school

programs for the disadvantaged young people of the city and a safe environment free of drugs, alcohol and bullying.

Revitalizing West Haven's Main Street

Investing in downtown West Haven will help drive people to the downtown area, helping our local businesses. That's why I am happy that the state has approved \$500,000 to finance the renovation of sidewalks and pedestrian access enhancements along Main Street in West Haven from Campbell Avenue to Kelsey Avenue and Wagner Place.



Raising the Minimum Wage

This year, Connecticut led the nation by voting to increase the minimum wage to \$10.10 over the next three years. As a result, working families across Connecticut will see a genuine change in their day-to-day lives. Faced with the costs of housing, food, utilities, car maintenance and gasoline, our current minimum wage isn't sufficient for many people to make ends meet even when they are working full-time.



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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 past 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.



I recently visited Reclamation Lumber where owner Robert Fecke told me how the state's STEP-Up job training program helped his New Haven business expand its workforce.

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



Listening to AARP advocacy volunteer Doug Wyse after I was presented with a legislative achievement award for my work on consumer protections for electric consumers and my work fighting landline telephone deregulation.

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 **Renters' Rebate Hotline** at 860-418-6377.

A 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



After touring New Haven Reads tutoring center, I read a few books to the children.

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.