

Protecting Our Students

Thousands of Connecticut students enroll in our community colleges each year, and for many safety and security have become a top concern due to recent incidents nationwide.

In response, Senate Democrats led passage of a bill that will allow community and technical colleges to utilize special police forces on campus.

This measure will provide our colleges with advanced mutual aid support to supplement the response of state and local police officers during an imminent and critical threat or an emergency.



General's office can also rest assured that their records will be kept confidential. The state is committed to continuing its extensive investigation into the faulty concrete.

Bipartisan Effort to Stop the East Windsor Firing Range

From the moment East Windsor residents expressed opposition to a proposal to build a new State Police firing range in the town, community members and legislators waged a successful campaign to ensure East Windsor was removed from consideration.

This was a victory for our district, and proof that our combined efforts can affect change.

The Connecticut State Police need a new location for their firing range—we never disputed this fact. But East Windsor was not the right community to host it, and together we've made sure our town will continue to retain the qualities that people love most about it.

Standing Up for Homeowners

In response to a widespread problem impacting residential foundations, we have passed new legislation to assist homeowners dealing with crumbling concrete. For many, a home is the biggest and most important investment in a lifetime, and we are committed to securing long-term relief for residents affected by the crisis.

Through new legislation, affected homeowners will be able to seek immediate property tax relief. Those reporting claims to the Department of Consumer Protection and state Attorney

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ONE OF THE NATION'S LARGEST COMPANIES BETTING BIG ON CONNECTICUT

Partnering with United Technologies Corporation (UTC), I worked with our legislature to make a \$500 million investment in aerospace and engineering that includes Pratt & Whitney's East Hartford world headquarters. Now, UTC has decided to keep 25,000 jobs in Connecticut while simultaneously building a Pratt & Whitney engineering "Center of Excellence" and new labs at



the UTC Research Center. Thanks to this investment, we're bringing thousands of construction and other high-skills jobs to our district as we continue to help our state's largest private employer grow and prosper. That's the result of the commitment we have made over the years to create good-paying jobs to grow our region's economy.



Steel goes up a the new Pratt & Whitney engineering "Center of Excellence"

Creating Jobs for the New Innovation Economy

This year I championed a law to focus on the new innovation economy, so we are building jobs for the next generation. From the Industrial Revolution to the modern jet engine and the financial industry, our state has been at the forefront of the nation's economy. But as the business world changes we must once again reinvent our economy to continue to lead. This new law uses our economic strengths—a highly educated and productive workforce, top-tier universities and existing businesses—to capture future job growth at startups and expansion-ready companies.

- ▶ Develops and attracts entrepreneurs who create new startups and jobs and helps grow successful startups into larger firms
- ▶ Establishes 'Innovation Places'—dense, local networks of innovators and entrepreneurs—where new businesses can grow faster together
- ▶ Connects colleges and universities with the private sector to convert research into new businesses
- ▶ Attracts more private funding to support growing companies



Cutting Spending & Consolidating Government

This year, Connecticut faced a budget gap, and given our tough economic reality, I dug in with my fellow legislators to consolidate government and create efficiencies, institute fiscal reforms and reduce government benefits. **To balance the budget we did not raise taxes and reduced spending by \$1.5 billion.** The cuts we made were not easy, but it was the only way forward without burdening taxpayers and businesses.



Protecting Critical Services

Despite a budget deficit, I worked hard to consolidate state government in a smart way in order to protect core services. We protected funding for seniors and people with disabilities, continued a strong level of local and higher education funding, maintained a commitment of investment in our hospitals, and dedicated state funding to every town in the state to hold down property taxes.

Town	State Funding for Local Education	Total State Funding This Year
East Hartford	\$49.3 million	\$57.6 million
East Windsor	\$5.7 million	\$6.7 million
Ellington	\$9.7 million	\$10.8 million
South Windsor	\$12.9 million	\$15.4 million

Supporting Veteran-Owned Small Businesses



As policymakers, we must improve the lives of our veterans and ensure they earn a good living and contribute to our economy. Under a new law that I championed this year, veteran-owned small businesses will now receive additional preferences that will make it easier for veterans to start and grow businesses. This new policy is a continuation of my multi-year focus on improving the lives of our veterans and supporting them in every way possible.

"The Chamber is grateful to Senate leadership for its support of this initiative, which is vital to our more than 40,000 veteran-owned businesses"

Andrew S. DiSilvestro Jr., Executive VP
CT Veterans Chamber of Commerce

Stronger Laws to Head-Off Opioid Addiction

Our state is continuing to see an increase in the number of opioid related overdoses and deaths due to prescription misuse, which often leads to an addiction to heroin. More Connecticut residents now die from overdoses than in car accidents. Addiction often begins with a prescription for painkillers, prompting Connecticut to pass comprehensive legislation to address the over-prescribing of opioid medications in an effort to head off addiction before it starts. Overdose antidotes will also be more widely available to save lives.



Talking with advocate Sue Kruczek, who spoke about her son Nick's death as a result of addiction, after Governor Malloy signed legislation to address the opioid crisis in Connecticut into law.