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### Supporting Women Entrepreneurs

Talking with Fran Pastore of the Women's Business Development Council across the street from their Stamford offices. A state Small Business Express loan and matching grant enabled the group to double their workspace and add four classrooms to train and mentor small-business women.

## Your State Senator

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## Protecting Student Athletes

Darien student-athlete Andy Peña died suddenly from cardiac arrest while training on a treadmill. His parents have been working ever since to educate the general public and support research on the causes and prevention of sudden cardiac death among youth. This year I helped them to pass legislation to establish awareness programs for parents, teachers and coaches so that young athletes who exhibit signs of the condition could be removed immediately from play. A small amount of time invested in learning about the condition could save many lives.



With my Senate colleagues show support for legislation that will help raise awareness of sudden cardiac arrest.

## Protecting Soldiers' Honor



Our veterans make great sacrifices to protect our freedoms, and we recognize their service by bestowing them with medals, ribbons and other honors. To wear one of these symbols is a great point of pride, and to wear one without having earned it—particularly for fraudulent purposes—is fundamentally disrespectful to our country and all those who have served. This year I led passage of legislation tightening our laws to help discourage this kind of shameful fraud, and when it occurs, ensure it is appropriately punished.

## Growing Our Small Businesses

Earlier this year I was privileged to visit the headquarters of Eastern Land Management, a Stamford family run landscaping business that is taking part in the Small Business Express program. As a result, they were able to create or retain at least 18 full-time jobs. They were also able to purchase new equipment and make a number of improvements to their facilities, and hope to add even more positions in the near future. Helping small companies like this to grow is essential for getting our economy on the right track again.



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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 Leyla Dam, owner of Lorca cafe on Bedford Street in downtown Stamford about the challenges and rewards of running a small business.

## Jobs for Veterans

I championed a new law 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.



## Resources to Grow Jobs

- ▶ **Job Expansion Tax Credits** for small businesses: [www.decd.org](http://www.decd.org)
- ▶ **Small Business Express** to get funding for your small business: [tinyurl.com/SmallBizXpress](http://tinyurl.com/SmallBizXpress), or contact Michelle Peters at 860-270-8052 or [Michelle.Peters@ct.gov](mailto:Michelle.Peters@ct.gov)
- ▶ **STEP-Up** (Subsidized Training & Employment Programs) provides worker training subsidies for small businesses and small manufacturers: [www.stepct.com](http://www.stepct.com)
- ▶ **Connecticut Reemployment Portal** if you have recently lost a job and are looking for work: [www1.ctdol.state.ct.us/CTReP](http://www1.ctdol.state.ct.us/CTReP)
- ▶ **Job & Career Connection** for details on job and training programs: [www.ctjobandcareer.org](http://www.ctjobandcareer.org)
- ▶ Learn more about **Job Growth in Connecticut**: [www.senatedems.ct.gov/GrowJobs](http://www.senatedems.ct.gov/GrowJobs)

## 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



Listening to longtime Stamford resident A. Paul McDonough about housing issues facing seniors, veterans and the homeless.

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

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.

