



Protecting Silver Sands

Connecticut's natural environment is one of the greatest resources this state has, and it is vital that we ensure state construction projects do not inadvertently damage it. Milford residents have raised valid concerns about the Silver Sands build-out being done based on a 24-year-old environmental impact evaluation, as well as issues such as parking, litter, vendors and costs. Residents of Milford and communities throughout Connecticut deserve answers and especially deserve to know that projects are being undertaken only after a public hearing and an environmental impact study have been completed. This year, I advocated for legislation to do just that.

Standing Up For Veterans

Our veterans answered the call to serve our country, and now they deserve every opportunity to earn a good living and contribute to our economy. This legislative session we:



- ▶ Established a preference in state contracting for veteran-owned small businesses
- ▶ Secured funding to provide access for older and disabled veterans at the American Legion Post 71 building in West Haven
- ▶ Doubled the maximum property tax exemption that a municipality may provide to wartime veterans or their surviving spouses to \$20,000

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PROTECTING YOUNG WOMEN'S HEALTH

I led passage of legislation that includes breast cancer self-examination education in Connecticut schools. I introduced this language in memory of Mary Ann Wasil, founder and leader of The Get in Touch Foundation of Milford. Mary and I talked about this bill the last time I saw her, and I know she would be smiling at its passage. This bill:

- ▶ Ensures young women are informed about their own health and trained to identify a problem
- ▶ Incorporates research that shows that students who receive this kind of instruction have a much better understanding of their personal health and cancer risks
- ▶ Helps students detect the first signs of cancer and achieve early intervention



In 2011, I joined Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman, Dr. Nancy Cappello, Dr. Andrea Silber and Mary Ann Wasil (left to right) at The Get in Touch Foundation's annual Pretty in Pink event. Mary Ann was the founder and president of the organization that educates girls and young women about breast self-exams and early detection of breast cancer. She continues to be an inspiration for me and women across Connecticut.

Growing Jobs & the Economy

It is crucial Connecticut's economy is strong and creating good jobs. To that end, this session we focused on growing innovation. We:

- ▶ Created incentives and programs to develop and attract entrepreneurs who create new startups.
- ▶ Established a new program to create 'Innovation Places'—dense, local networks of innovators and entrepreneurs—where new businesses can grow faster together.
- ▶ Enabled Connecticut Innovations to reimburse approved entrepreneurs for any state filing, permitting, or licensing fees associated with forming an information technology, biotechnology or green technology business.
- ▶ Funded training for more software developers, programmers and other applicants for in-demand tech jobs through apprenticeship programs.
- ▶ Invested in night classes at vo-tech schools for high school students and adults looking to change careers or learn new job skills in areas like plumbing, electrical, tech support, and other skilled trades.
- ▶ Worked with local small businesses to help them address regulatory burdens, receive tax relief and cut through state government's red tape.



A Balanced Budget With No Tax Increase & More Local Funding

This year, Connecticut faced a budget gap and I dug in to balance the budget, protect taxpayers and bring home more funding for our towns. To put our state on a path to stronger fiscal health we:

- ▶ Consolidated government and created more efficiencies
- ▶ Instituted fiscal reforms and reduced government benefits
- ▶ Reduced spending by \$1.5 billion
- ▶ Did not raise taxes
- ▶ Provided a car tax cut for towns with high mill rates like West Haven and Woodbridge
- ▶ Protected funding for seniors and people with disabilities
- ▶ Continued a strong level of local and higher education funding
- ▶ Increased state funding for every town in the 14th District



Fighting for Education

This year I worked on a number of education initiatives in my role as the Senate Chair of the Education Committee:



- ▶ I met with dozens of teachers from Milford, Orange, Woodbridge, West Haven and surrounding towns
- ▶ Established a task force to review, streamline and align state policies relating to school climate, bullying, school safety and social-emotional learning



- ▶ Brought full day kindergarten to West Haven by securing \$1.5 million in state funding
- ▶ Gave the superintendent of our vo-tech schools, like Platt Tech, certain administrative authority over budgeting and staffing decisions to help get open positions filled more quickly