

Dear Friends,

I'd like to extend my thanks to the voters of Stamford for giving me the opportunity to continue to serve you in the State Assembly. It is a privilege and honor to do so, and I renew my commitment to represent your interests in Hartford to the best of my abilities.

I am pleased that I will be serving as vice-chair on the Judiciary, Transportation and Planning and Development committees.

This promises to be a most challenging year for all of us. The worldwide economic crisis is having a dramatic impact on our state, on our cities and towns, and on each of us.

Our job is to work cooperatively, imaginatively and purposefully to improve the lives of all of our citizens. This means making difficult decisions to balance the budget, but also maintaining critical investments in our economy and our future – investments in jobs, public health, energy efficiency, the environment and funding our municipalities.

To be effective, I need to hear from you. Let me know your thoughts on issues, your concerns, and your ideas for the best solutions to our challenges. Please call me at 1.800.842.8267 or write me at Gerald.Fox@cga.ct.gov so that together we can build a better Stamford and a better State of Connecticut for all of us.

Sincerely,



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2009 Legislative Preview

Budget

- Connecticut is facing one of the worst budget deficits in history. Streamlining government and making it more efficient can save money for our state and municipalities. Increased federal funding should stimulate our economy by creating new jobs, expanding state health care and unemployment programs, and solidifying our infrastructure.

Education

- Our schools need the necessary tools to produce a skilled workforce. We need to develop smart and innovative ideas to maintain funding to our school districts and special education while we reduce costs. We need to further examine magnet schools, vocational agriculture and technical schools. Investing in our students today will create a skilled job and college-ready workforce that will brighten the state's economic future.

Transportation Infrastructure and Mass Transit

- We look forward to the promise of significant federal funds for infrastructure projects from President Obama and Congress. We must use these and state dollars wisely to improve roads and bridges and to invest in mass transit. For too long our residents have had too few options for getting around our state. Improving existing infrastructure and expanding options for commuting will make Connecticut more competitive.

Deficit Reduction

- In February, I worked with other state legislators to pass a plan that nearly eliminates the projected budget deficit for the current fiscal year through a series of cuts and other adjustments without any tax or fee increases, while protecting critical services and avoiding layoffs.

Health Care

- Expanding the state's health care plan will allow everyone in the state access to quality, affordable health care coverage and save money for taxpayers and municipalities by bulk purchasing health insurance and prescription drugs. By improving and expanding state health care programs, like HUSKY, we can cover more of Connecticut's uninsured.



Representative Gerald Fox in session at the Capitol on February 5th, 2009.

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