

Dear Friends,

This past year, Connecticut has seen an increased number of violent crimes and home invasions. Many of you have contacted me with your concerns about issues of home security and the way our prison and parole systems deal with persistent offenders, and the legislature has devoted considerable time and energy looking into these problems.

Our Judiciary Committee and a task force assigned with examining the state's criminal justice system came up with numerous proposals aimed at making our state safer and the justice system more efficient. In a special session in January, we addressed the most critical proposals. I have summarized them on the reverse side of this card.

I am sure there is more work to be done, and I hope you will continue to contact me with your suggestions and input on these or any other issues.

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**SAFETY**

**Protecting our Homes  
and our Families**



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# Making Our Community Safer

## Working to Protect our Citizens by:



- Establishing a new crime of “home invasion,” which will be considered a violent crime
- Re-working our state’s persistent offender statutes (“three strikes law”) so that they are more useable for prosecutors
- Creating a full time parole board and expanding its staff to include both victim advocates and a forensic psychologist
- Establishing tougher and more secure re-entry procedures for offenders returning to the community after completion of their sentence
- Creating a new computer system for sharing criminal justice information among law enforcement agencies, the Judicial Branch, and related agencies

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