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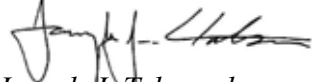
The legislature is in full-swing with committee meetings and public hearings on issues that affect each and every Danbury resident. I am very excited to be a part of that process and to work with other legislators on issues like reducing energy costs, reforming our property tax system, and securing affordable health care for everyone.

To do my job well, I find it critical to keep the lines of communication open between my office in Hartford and the folks back home. That's why I need to hear first hand about your opinions and concerns. This mailing and others that follow will provide updates on specific issues and information on how to reach me by phone, mail and e-mail. I hope you find them helpful. Please contact me about any concern that you have - big or small. I would also like to attend as many community events and meetings in Danbury as possible so please let me know if there is a particular event that you would like me to participate in.

I am honored to represent you in the State Legislature and will continue to work hard on getting good things done for our community.

I hope this letter finds you well.

Truly,


Joseph J. Taborsak

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Committee Assignments

As a new member of the General Assembly, I have been assigned to serve on three committees: the Select Committee on Housing, the Transportation Committee and the Planning and Development Committee. Planning and Development was chaired wisely for many years by my predecessor, Lew Wallace.

All three committees deal with issues that are vital to the Danbury area and a forest of trees has already been sacrificed to provide me with the information I need to make informed decisions on everything from improving our transportation system to making healthcare affordable to everyone. I find the legislative process both challenging and rewarding.



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Legislation for Danbury

There are thousands of bills introduced each year in the General Assembly and this year I am adding a few that are of particular interest to Danbury:

- ▶ HB 5468 establishes an excess profits refund to electric utility ratepayers
- ▶ HB 5628 and HB 6531 remove reimbursement penalties for our new interdistrict magnet school
- ▶ HB 6520 provides funding to renovate the Stanley L. Richter house
- ▶ HB 6549 authorizes an odor study of the Danbury wastewater treatment plant
- ▶ HB 5729 requires towns to provide notice and hold a public hearing before selling, leasing or transferring any municipally owned land
- ▶ HB 7131 expands ConnPACE prescription drug coverage to a greater number of seniors



I cannot guarantee that all of my proposed bills will become laws this year, but they are officially part of this session's legislative agenda. If you have an idea that you think can make life easier for Connecticut residents, please let me know! There is no monopoly on good ideas.

Five Big Ideas

Early in January, I met with the Democratic members of the General Assembly to put together an agenda for the 2007 session. The following "Five Big Ideas" are the focus of the Democratic Caucus this legislative year:

1. It's time for a healthy Connecticut. We need to provide quality healthcare at an affordable price that is accessible to ALL Connecticut residents. That means finding coverage for the 400,000 state residents who are currently uninsured.
2. It's time to address the energy crisis with solutions that work. We must diversify our energy sources, reduce our reliance on oil, promote the use of alternative fuels and reform the current unregulated system for the generation and transmission of electric power.
3. We must grow Connecticut's economy without sacrificing our quality of life. We have to expand public transportation and make housing more affordable in a way that respects our neighborhoods, parks and open spaces.
4. We need more state aid for towns and cities to ease the burden of local property taxes. We have to increase state funding for public education to allow towns and cities to reduce local taxes.
5. We will strengthen our communities by providing more police resources, more after school programs, and more summer youth employment opportunities.