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Kenneth P. Green

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Dear Friends:

Thank you for your continued support and trust. I am truly honored to be your State Representative in Hartford. This year I will be Co-Chair of the Select Committee on Housing, and a member of: Judiciary and Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committees.

This mailer is to give you information on several pieces of the more important legislation that I will be proposing this session. Housing, Youth, and Pardons and Parole will be this year's focal points.

I am very interested in hearing your opinions on these legislative priorities. Also, if you have any legislative ideas that should be addressed please do not hesitate to contact my legislative aide, Fred Stula, at 860-240-8876.

Peace,

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Housing

An Act Increasing Funding for Rental Assistance and Supportive Assistance for Elderly and Disabled Persons (HB 5047)

This will establish a program and provide funds for rental assistance and support services for low income, non-elderly disabled persons in existing public and private housing.

An Act Authorizing Bonds of the State for the Renovation of Moderate Rental Housing in the City of Hartford (HB 5048)

This bill proposal would authorize the State Bond Commission to issue \$20 million in bonds to the Department of Economic and Community Development for the Hartford Housing Authority to modernize and restructure Bowles Park and Westbrook Village.

An Act Concerning Foreclosure Protection for Homeowners (HB 5222)

This bill would establish a statewide procedure to prohibit equity stripping. Equity stripping is a pattern of conduct where a company promises to help a homeowner out of foreclosure by a presumed purchase of their home. The truth is the homeowner is defrauded of their equity interest, resulting in losing their home and accrued equity.

An Act Providing Funds for Seven Additional Beyond Shelter Programs (HB 5255)

This bill would increase the funding for the Beyond Shelter Program, which is an innovative program that prevents the recurrence of homelessness by providing up to one year of coordinated follow-up services to families leaving shelters and transitional housing programs. In addition, support services are provided for their landlords.



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Pardons & Paroles

An Act Concerning Pardons (HB 5256)

This bill would require the Board of Pardons and Paroles to grant (1) a provisional pardon to a person convicted of a nonviolent offense five years after the completion of their sentence, with no re-arrests and (2) an absolute pardon after ten years with no re-arrests.

Additionally, once someone has been granted a provisional pardon, they will not be required to disclose that information on a job application.

Youth

An Act Concerning a Youth Trust Account (HB 5004)

This bill would create a separate non-lapsing Youth Trust account in the General Fund. The account will be used to provide job training and employment opportunities for youths aged fourteen to twenty-one. At least eighty percent of the funds will be used to provide in-school assistance to promote academic and employment success. The remaining funds will be designated for out-of-school programs with a focus on employment competencies and retention skills.