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REP. CHRIS PERONE APPLAUDS STEP UP PROGRAM RESULTS

House Commerce Committee Chair Representative Chris Perone (D-Norwalk) welcomed the Connecticut Department of Labor Commissioner's report regarding the Subsidized Training and Employment (Step Up) Program.

Step Up, a program created by the state legislature to stimulate job creation, is a statewide bipartisan initiative run by the Connecticut Department of Labor and the state's five Workforce Development Boards to help small businesses. The program has served as an important economic stimulus since its initial creation in October 2011.

"I am pleased to read the Commissioner's report and see the praiseworthy results of this program," **Rep. Perone** said. "Helping our state's small businesses grow and expand, while connecting them to unemployed jobseekers who want to participate, is a win for all."

According to the report, of the 3,276 individuals hired at the beginning of the project, 1,440 of those were reported by the hiring companies as new jobs created specifically as a result of Step Up program incentives. This represents a 39 percent job creation rate credited to the Step Up program. The report also cites at least 695 companies participating in the project.

Rep. Perone noted, "Programs like this are worth promoting. I am delighted to see this initiative moving in the right direction."

For more information about this program, and for a digital copy of the full report, please visit the Step Up homepage: www.StepCT.com.

Rep. Perone is serving his sixth legislative term in the Connecticut General Assembly. In addition to co-chairing the Commerce Committee, he also serves as a member of the Energy & Technology, and the Finance, Revenue, and Bonding Committees.

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