

State Senator Len Suzio (R-13) is serving his second term in the Connecticut State Senate. He represents the communities of Cheshire, Meriden, Middlefield, Middletown and Rockfall.

Sen. Suzio serves as Co-Chair of the Committee on Children and Vice Chair of the Transportation Committee. He is also a member of the Finance, Revenue and Bonding, Judiciary, Veterans Affairs Committees.

Sen. Suzio previously served as Ranking Member of the legislature's Select Committee on Children and on the Education and Appropriations Committees.

Sen. Suzio has been a strong advocate for limited government and for no tax increases. In 2012, Sen. Suzio led the way in gaining bipartisan support for a cap to be placed on the state's rising gas tax. The law placing a cap on the gas tax was unanimously passed by the State Senate and State House.

He continues to push for lower tax burdens, including the elimination of the state's tax on social security income and the prevention of the enactment of a Connecticut Mileage Tax.

A strong voice on behalf of victims of violent crime, Sen. Suzio is a member of the State Victim Advocate Advisory Board.

Sen. Suzio received top marks on the 2011 Environmental Scorecard issued by the CT League of Conservation Voters. He scored 100 percent for his support of a host of environmentally friendly laws.

A champion for veterans' issues, Sen. Suzio led an initiative called "Give a Vet a Break, Get a Tax Break" which alerted area employers that there is now a state tax credit for companies to hire veterans.

Sen. Suzio is founder and President of GeoDataVision, a bank consulting company specializing in the federal banking regulations. He previously worked as the Director, Executive Vice President, and Senior Loan Officer for American National Bank in Hamden. He also is a nationally recognized expert in bank regulations with a focus on the Community Reinvestment Act, the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act and the Fair Lending Regulations.

Sen. Suzio was named Connecticut's "Small Business Banker Advocate of the Year" by the Small Business Administration in 1983. He has testified as an expert witness in small business finance at U.S. Senate Subcommittee Hearings on Small Business. He has also spoken at various regulatory compliance conferences including the American Bankers' Association and America's Community Banker Annual Compliance Conferences.

Sen. Suzio served on the Meriden Board of Education for 14 years. He has also served as Vice President of the board of directors for High Hopes (a home for children with special needs) for more than 30 years.

Sen. Suzio is the former President of the Kiwanis Club and a former director of the Chamber

Orchestra of New England. He is the former President of the University of Pennsylvania Alumni Club in Connecticut.

Sen. Suzio earned a degree in Economics and Finance from the Wharton School of Finance at the University of Pennsylvania. He has also served as President of the Penn Alumni Association and as a trustee for Cheshire Academy.

Sen. Suzio and his wife Kathryn have five children and three grandchildren.