

State Senator Toni Boucher was first elected to represent the 26th Senatorial District in 2008, after having served as the State Representative from the 143rd Assembly District for 12 years. The 26th Senatorial District includes the communities of Bethel, New Canaan, Redding, Ridgefield, Weston, Westport and Wilton. Senator Boucher earned leadership roles in both the public and private sectors. Her election to the State Senate followed a distinguished career in the House of Representatives where she held caucus leadership positions and served on several legislative committees.

In the State Senate, Senator Boucher serves as a Chief Deputy Senate Republican Majority Leader. Senator Boucher is the Co-Chair on the General Assembly's Education Committee, Co-Chair on the Transportation Committee, and Vice-Chair on the Banking Committee and Vice-Chair on the Finance, Revenue & Bonding Committee. She also serves as a member of the General Assembly's Legislative Management Committee and the The School Construction Project Priority List Review Committee.

As a member of the Finance, Revenue & Bonding Committee, Senator Boucher is working to resolve the state's existing fiscal problems and plan for the future in a bipartisan manner. She believes that Connecticut must recreate a positive tax environment where businesses can grow and families can prosper. Senator Boucher, who served on the Appropriations Committee as a State Representative, is now on the front line of efforts to balance the state's growing budget deficit while holding the line on taxes, reducing government spending, saving businesses and growing jobs.

Senator Boucher calls on her extensive experience in the business world when working with her legislative colleagues on state government fiscal issues. Senator Boucher, who holds an MBA from UCONN Business School, is the founder and former owner of a small business and a former member of corporate management for two Fortune 50 firms. Senator Boucher also co-founded and served on the Board of Directors of a marketing design agency in San Diego, California, which specializes in clients working in biogenetic, aerospace and leading edge computer applications. She is honored to have been a recipient of the Southwest Area (CT) Commerce and Industry Association's Community Leader Award.

Currently, Senator Boucher, who holds series 7, 63 and 31 licenses, is the director of a nonprofit fund manager. In December 2008, she co-authored a publication on Ethics and the Nonprofit.

Senator Boucher also serves as Co-Chairman on the Transportation Committee at a time when the state and nation are reaffirming a commitment to mass transportation. As a member of the Transportation Committee, she worked to protect and improve the Danbury Branch line and helped lead the way on traffic relief initiatives for Southwestern Connecticut, especially with respect to rail service.