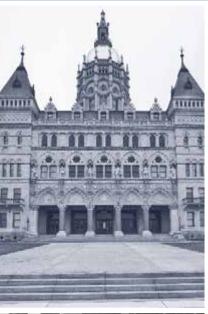
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### 2012 Legislative Update



Sen. Welch speaks to a Plymouth taxpayer during one of his "Senator on Your Sidewalk" events this past fall.





Sen. Welch talks with the Bristol Boys & Girls Club's 2011 Youth of the Year Adam Otero (left) and BBGC 2004 Youth of the Year Erica Pearson (right) at a State Capitol reception.

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"Cutting spending and taxes is the key to turning the state's economy around. Recent tax hikes are handicapping Connecticut businesses in their quest to compete with those in other states."

- State Senator Jason Welch

Sen. Welch addresses a taxpayer's question during a public meeting at Plymouth Town Hall in September. Welch co-hosted the meeting with Rep. Whit Betts (left).

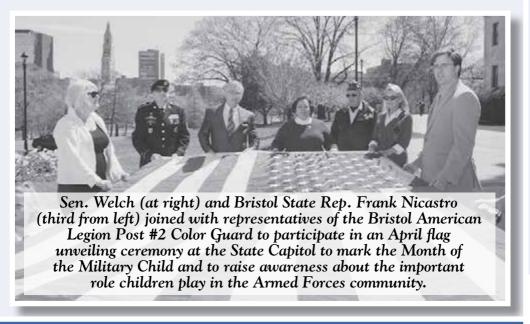


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# Supporting Our Vets

was proud to join with Democrats and Republicans in voting for a bill which beefs up state law to discourage vandals and thieves from defacing or stealing veterans' memorials.

Under our new law, a person faces a felony for intentionally defacing, mutilating, destroying or removing any part of a memorial or monument, or for possessing or trying to sell it. The penalty is up to five years in prison, a \$5,000 fine, or both. It sends a strong message to would-be criminals: we will

protect our veterans' memorials.

Sen. Welch speaks at the "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day" ceremony at the Legislative Office Building. Sen. Welch spoke of his late father's service to the country in Vietnam. Welch serves as ranking member of the legislature's Select Committee on Veterans Affairs. He has served his country in both the United States Coast Guard Reserve and Army National Guard. (From left to right: Sen. Welch, Attorney General George Jepsen, and Rep. Al Adinolfi.)



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# Boosting Bioscience Jobs

his year I joined with Bristol legislators to help pass a bill which modifies the designation of Bristol's bioscience zone in order to maximize local job creation. We all want the Bioscience Zone to be a magnet for entrepreneurs and investment. With this fix to our maps, we are improving the city's business climate and laying the groundwork for job growth. Adding new high-tech companies will increase the local tax base and also provide high-paying jobs.

# Cap and Cut the Gas Tax

amilies and businesses need relief from the pain at the pumps. This year, we were successful in capping our state's rising gas tax, and we continue to press for significant

gas tax cuts.

Bristol AARP
representatives Jessie and
Carolyn Brown met with
Sen. Welch at the State
Capitol. The Browns have
been honored for their
outstanding volunteer
work and public service.
To ease the financial
burdens on seniors, Sen.
Welch is pushing to
eliminate the state's tax
on social security income.



## Promoting Manufacturing Jobs

reater Bristol has a proud manufacturing history. I have joined a new bipartisan group of lawmakers which will work together to produce better policies for Connecticut manufacturers. We all want to grow manufacturing jobs in

to grow manufacturing jobs in Connecticut. This coalition will build upon that shared vision while building bonds between legislators.

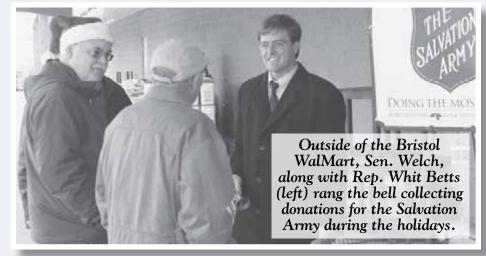
Sen. Welch with Mike Gilchrist, Vice President at Britol-based manufacturer Bauer, Inc. Welch is part of a new, bipartisan group to educate lawmakers on the value of manufacturing in the state. Members of the "Manufacturing Caucus" will meet regularly to discuss the consequences that new legislation may have on manufacturing and job creation.



### Helping Local Small Businesses Expand

he bipartisan jobs bill that we passed in October created the state's Small Business Express Program. The program is providing \$100 million to help the state's small businesses hire more employees and fund capital investments.

Elka Precision of Plainville plans to hire eight new employees after receiving a Job Creation Incentive loan of \$250,000. The Small Business Express Program is a great example of how the policies we create in Hartford can keep and grow jobs right here in central Connecticut.



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Thank you for this opportunity to share information about important issues facing our state. If you have questions about any issue concerning state government, please feel free to contact me directly.

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