



**State Representative**  
**Jason Perillo**

## Working for Shelton...

- **Funding for Downtown Redevelopment.** This year I was pleased to be able to secure \$2 million for Shelton's downtown with the assistance of Governor M. Jodi Rell and State Senator Dan Debicella.
- **Education.** I was happy to support a significant increase in education funding for Shelton schools.
- **Local Business and Local Volunteers.** I championed and drove through legislation providing assistance to our local farm wineries, and also worked across party lines to pass legislation that will strengthen the ranks of our volunteer fire department.
- **Safety of Children and Families.** I advocated life sentences for repeat violent offenders who commit three major crimes such as murder, rape, robbery and arson, known as Three Strikes legislation. I supported new persistent offender laws that keep violent offenders off our streets and out of our homes.

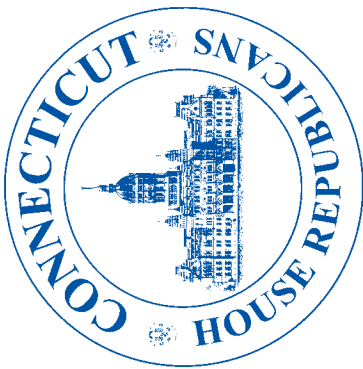
As always, please contact me with your state-related problems or concerns.

Sincerely,



*Representative Jason Perillo talks with Governor M. Jodi Rell in Shelton prior to the announcement of a \$2 Million grant for the downtown redevelopment.*

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# 2008 LEGISLATIVE REPORT



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# Fighting For Your Interests...

During the 2008 legislative session, my colleagues and I worked to restrain state spending and hold down taxes to help keep families, jobs and seniors in Connecticut. I have consistently maintained that it is our responsibility as your elected officials to help make Connecticut safer and more affordable.

## BUDGET: Streamlining Government; Helping Middle Class Taxpayers

- ★ In the face of economic hardship and dwindling revenues, my colleagues and I proposed to shrink government and reduce state expenditures by \$163 million through voluntary early retirements.
- ★ I supported gasoline tax cuts, because many people have no choice but to drive to work.
- ★ I advocated ending a nuisance tax on job-creating small businesses which are the backbone of our local economy.
- ★ I proposed tax credits for energy and healthcare.

## EDUCATION: Learn Here, Live Here

- ★ I was proud to support a 9% increase in education funding for Shelton, the first such increase in 15 years.
- ★ My colleagues and I passed legislation that will revise policies on bullying and in-school suspension. This will improve the learning environment in our schools.
- ★ My colleagues and I proposed an innovative way for graduates to save for their first home and raise their families in Connecticut by banking their state income tax payments for up to 10 years.

## SECURITY: Safety for Families, Children

- ★ I pushed for stronger penalties on repeat violent offenders. new legislation doubles and triples sentences for persistent dangerous felons.
- ★ Though House and Senate Democrats blocked Three Strikes legislation that will put three-time violent offenders away for life, I believe it keeps our neighborhoods safe and I will continue to fight for it.

## SENIORS: Home Care for the Elderly

- ★ An important new law allows up to 5,000 Connecticut elderly and disabled to receive long-term care in their homes without having to go into a nursing home.
- ★ I proposed exempting pensions from state income taxes to keep retirees in Connecticut.
- ★ I proposed increasing the number of seniors eligible for the local property tax freeze.

## VETERANS: Recognizing their Service

- ★ Benefits to veterans will be improved, and Gold Star license plates will be issued free of charge to family members to honor those who have fallen in the line of duty. "Support our Troops" plates also will be issued.



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