

For State Senate - 12th District

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1. Why are you running for this office?

Since the global recession, Connecticut has faced significant economic setbacks. Slow job growth and a structural shift in our economy have created a state budget crisis as well as financial uncertainties for many of our district's families and businesses. As a bone cancer survivor and amputee, I've faced difficult challenges before. What I've learned is to accept change, create new ways to adapt and implement these new strategies successfully. I know that with both hard work and teamwork – and tapping into the best ideas from both parties – we can revitalize Connecticut's fiscal health, create a more positive business climate, address critical social service needs and protect our beautiful natural resources.

2. What are your top 3 legislative priorities?

1. Get Connecticut's fiscal house in order;
2. Eliminate wasteful spending in our health care system; and
3. Improve our economic competitiveness: modernize our transportation system, keep Connecticut's young, educated workers in the state, develop more targeted vocation and technical training opportunities, and find actionable ways that government and business can work together.

3. Do you believe there are barriers to voting in Connecticut?

Unfortunately, people with disabilities still face numerous barriers in participating in the political process and in exercising their right to vote. As a person with a disability and active board member of the American Association of People with Disabilities, I have been working for over 20 years in a bipartisan way to ensure that poll workers are properly trained to accommodate people with disabilities and polling locations are ADA compliant. We also need to improve accessible voting technology and to ensure the right of people with disabilities to cast a ballot in secret.

Bruce Wilson, Jr. (Republican, Independent)

No response received