

For State Senate – 17th District

Joe Crisco (Democratic, Working Families)

1. Why are you running for office?

I am running for office to make life better for the people in the 17th Senate district.

During my time in the Senate, we have done some great work making job training a priority with the Step Up program along with investing in our regional universities and community colleges and with the agreements to add 18,000 jobs between Pratt & Whitney, Sikorsky, and Electric Boat we are able to provide high paying, high quality jobs to our skilled workforce. This ripples throughout the entire state by further enabling subcontractors to grow and prosper.

I plan to continue working to fund research in our hospitals around the state. This past session we were able to provide grants to UConn Health Center, Griffin Hospital and Yale New Haven to further cancer research, diabetes studies, and their work to better understand and treat multiple sclerosis.

2. What are your top three legislative priorities?

Education Funding:

I am continuously advocating for school funding in the district while continuing to protect investments in higher education throughout the State of Connecticut as a whole. With programs at our Community Colleges and Regional Universities to I am working towards successful fluidity in our school to jobs pipeline.

Job development/training:

By working to expand job training services like STEP-Up, protecting funding for community colleges and technical schools, and advocating for entrepreneurship and boosting skilled labor, I plan to continue pushing for lasting Connecticut jobs.

Funding for social services:

I will fight to reinstitute funds to social services and the bio medical fund in the state of Connecticut that rewards grant funding to research proposals specifically for breast cancer and multiple sclerosis.

3. Do you believe there are barriers to voting in Connecticut? If so, what would you do to eliminate them?

The Secretary of the State has done a great job developing and implementing the new motor voter program in Connecticut allowing 14,693 people to register to vote since it began.

Connecticut has done a great job over the years reducing the barriers to voting. With programs such as Election Day Registration and the new Motor Voter program from the Secretary of the State, Connecticut is consistently doing a great job reducing the barriers to participating in the electoral process, and we will continue to do so.

George Logan (Republican, Independent)

No response received.