

# 2008



## Legislative Survey Results



State Representative  
**John E. Stripp**



Dear Neighbor:

Thank you for taking the time to respond to my 2008 Legislative Survey. The number of completed surveys I have received is a strong indication that people

in our district are concerned about the issues affecting our region as well as the entire state. Your thoughts and opinions are very helpful to me as I represent our district in the legislature.

The survey results are being reported to you, the participants and will be posted on my web site:

<http://www.housegop.ct.gov/members/stripp.asp>

I hope you find them as interesting as I did.

No survey can be comprehensive enough to address every concern. If you have comments about any issue that was not included, or if I can be of assistance to you with any other matter of interest or concern, please feel free to contact my office.

Best Wishes,

### 1. **Public Safety/Crime**

Should repeat violent offenders be subject to mandatory life sentences for such crimes as arson, rape, murder or home invasion?

80% YES    19% NO    1% UNANSWERED

### 2. **Immigration**

Federal laws prohibit a person who enters and lives in the U.S. illegally from receiving federal social services resources. Should that person be eligible for state subsidies including fuel assistance, in-state tuition or public housing?

15% YES    84% NO    1% UNANSWERED

### 3. **Education**

The state's largest cities receive nearly one-third of all school funding yet educate just 12 percent of all students. Should state resources be re-allocated to other suburban and rural school districts more evenly?

76% YES    24% NO    1% UNANSWERED

### 4. **Property Taxes**

Should local property tax increases be capped at 3 percent per year?

67% YES    29% NO    4% UNANSWERED

### 5. **State Taxes**

Would you support never raising the state income tax?

53% YES    47% NO    1% UNANSWERED

### 6. **Estate Tax**

Should the state repeal the state "Death Tax" on inheritances?

77% YES    20% NO    3% UNANSWERED

### 7. **FAA**

Should the state continue its fight against the FAA's proposed plan for flight paths?

64% YES    27% NO    9% UNANSWERED

### 8. **Surplus**

Should the state spend surplus money on reducing state debt?

53% YES    43% NO    4% UNANSWERED

### 9. **Tax Cuts**

Should the state provide tax relief when they collect more money than they need to run the government?

78% YES    18% NO    4% UNANSWERED

### 10. **Gas Tax**

Do you think having a 'gas tax holiday' during the summer is a good idea?

47% YES    50% NO    3% UNANSWERED