

Greetings to my friends and neighbors in Asylum Hill!

For starters, I want to wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season. You know it's the holidays when Mariah Carey's song, "All I want for Christmas", can be heard on every radio station!

I wish you and your families a peaceful and fulfilling holiday season. I hope you are able to surround yourself with friends and loved ones.

On another note, the 2017 legislative session is fast approaching and with it comes a new role for me in the House of Representatives. I am honored to share that my colleagues have elected me to serve as the House Majority Leader, which is the number two position in our caucus after the Speaker of the House. I am also quite proud that I am the first Hartford legislator to serve as a legislative leader since 1998.

My job will be to rally our team every day and make sure that we are prepared to do the people's business. It is like being the operations manager for the floor of the House of Representatives. Our work at the Capitol will touch everyone in the state, and I take that responsibility very seriously.

The work will be challenging – from a difficult budget year, to school funding issues, to the economy – but I know every member of the House of Representatives is committed to getting the job done.

Once again, have a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year.

As always, please contact me if I can ever be of any assistance. I can be reached at [Matthew.Ritter@cga.ct.gov](mailto:Matthew.Ritter@cga.ct.gov), or by phone at (800) 842-1902, if you have any questions or concerns. -Matt