



Representative Mary Ann Shallcross Smith

District 46, Lincoln & Pawtucket

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Shallcross Smith announces highlights of her tax relief legislation.

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STATE HOUSE – Representative Mary Ann Shallcross Smith, endorsed Democrat District 46, Lincoln/Pawtucket recently announced highlights of her tax relief legislation since taking office in January 2009.

She strongly supported the legislative initiative which restructured the state income tax system resulting in a tax break for a majority of the state's residents beginning with 2010 state income tax returns.

She also strongly advocated for the passage of the new school funding formula, which will send millions of new education dollars to communities helping them offset the loss of car tax reimbursement funds. Lincoln will receive \$3.7 million and Pawtucket \$7.4 million in additional funding over the next seven years.

She sponsored legislation that maintained the higher rate of VLT reimbursement for Lincoln from Twin River, resulting in \$700,000 additional funding.

She also introduced legislation on behalf of the Town Council to authorize a property tax exemption for Lincoln residents over 65.

"Our state's serious financial challenges were the reason I wanted to serve on the Finance Committee. I believe the best way to represent my constituents and help our state move forward is to make tax relief a top priority. If re-elected it will remain my top priority," Shallcross Smith noted.

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