

For IMMEDIATE RELEASE February 18, 2011

As a threshold matter, I apologize for the entire incident involving the ticketing of my official state vehicle. The parking of the vehicle in a handicapped zone was a serious mistake -- one which I did not know of nor do I condone. The parking ticket was properly issued by the Town of West Hartford, and the Treasury employee who requested an adjustment of that ticket was not authorized to do so. The full amount of the fine was paid on February 17<sup>th</sup> with my personal funds, as I accept full responsibility for the conduct of my staff.

As an elected state official, I take seriously the trust placed in me as a public servant. I do not hold myself or my staff above the law, and I deeply regret the violation.

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