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ABC Chief Economist Anirban Basu Addresses CT ABC

Even insightful, ABC Chief Economist did not disappoint with his remarks during his presentation to CT ABC members on November 2nd at the Cromwell Courtyard Marriott. While reviewing the latest on worldwide stock exchanges, gross domestic product, recession watches, and changes in employment statistics, Mr. Basu said that “the U.S. economy is on the move, not briskly, but in the right



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Looking Ahead – Legislative Session 2012

The 2012 legislative session is almost here. Time to start thinking about our tree tops and grass roots! Of course I'm not talking about gardening; I'm talking about how to run an effective legislative issues campaign that impacts the overall success of passing or defeating a proposed legislative issue. During the 2011 legislative session, we enjoyed great success in defeating the State University PLA bill (S 987) and successfully limited the scope of paid sick leave to "service" workers. Despite all the bad items proposed by the legislature we can fight and win if we rally around one another. CT ABC's voice is loudest when spoken together!

ABC will be actively involved with the CT legislative session once it begins in February 2012. Issues that matter the most to your businesses such as; captive audience, independent contractor status, PLA work, and other business-related matters will be discussed by the legislators. The best way to make an impact during the session requires a great deal participation and support of members, who are the regulated community, and whose voice does change the course of history.

2012 is a “short session”, during even numbered years session runs from the first Wednesday after the first Monday in February (2/8) till the first Wednesday after the first Monday in May (5/9). That is not a lot of time, the same process occurs as during the “long session” just in a more compressed time table. In order to run an effective issues campaign, we need to start at the tree tops. This is the process by which the overall agenda is set by CT ABC, taking into account factors like; member input, time, money, level of priority, the state of the economy, political climate, and ability to make an impact in a particular area. This process started months ago, when the 2011 session ended in June and will continue throughout the 2012 session. As the session begins the grass roots component kicks in.

This is when ABC members can and must play an active and important role. The process begins with a period of time where legislators and committees can raise bills or concepts that will become bills. The timing of this will be the first few weeks of February 2012. Once a bill is raised, in order for it to move through the process, it must have a public

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Grand Prix

Congratulations to all of the winners, and thanks to everyone who participated in November's Grand Prix event. The event went smoothly and everyone appeared to have had a great time - all to benefit the Project Open Shop Salute, CT ABC's community service program to help military families.

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