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### Rep. James Albis and PCSW's Teresa Younger Selected as CSG Toll Fellows

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HARTFORD—Rep. James Albis (D-East Haven) and Teresa Younger, executive director of Connecticut's Permanent Commission on the Status of Women, have been selected to be among 48 national Council of State Governments' Henry Toll Fellows for the [Class of 2013](#). Younger and Albis join a distinguished group of Toll alumni from Connecticut named to the program, which was created to improve effectiveness and leadership in state government.

The 48 Toll Fellows in the Class of 2013 represent 35 states and Puerto Rico, with 35 serving in the legislative branch, four serving in the judiciary and nine hailing from the executive, according to the Lexington, Kentucky-based Council of State Governments. A 13-member committee of state leaders, many of whom are Toll Fellows themselves, reviewed a record number of applications to select the class. The Toll Fellowship Program is one of the nation's premier leadership development programs for state government officials. Each year, it brings together some of the nation's top officials from all three branches of state government for an intensive six-day, five-night "intellectual boot camp."

Of being named a 2013 Toll Fellow, Albis said it is important for him to continue to challenge himself.

"I wanted to expand my horizon and sharpen my leadership skills," he said. "I believe it is critically important to continually step outside of your comfort zone and I am excited to have an outlet to do so with other leaders from around the country."

Younger looks forward to the exchange of ideas with colleagues from across the country.

"Being as informed as I can be and connecting the pieces for my constituents are critical," said Younger. "No one can work in a vacuum, and the ability to meet and network with professionals from across the country – and from all three branches of government – will prove fertile ground for cross-referencing experiences and will be invaluable to the work I do with the General Assembly."

[Toll Fellows alumni](#) include U.S. Rep. John Carney, a former Delaware lieutenant governor; U.S. Rep. Colleen Hanabusa, a former Hawaii state Senate president; former North Carolina Gov. Beverly Perdue and former U.S. Labor Secretary Hilda Solis.

Class of 2013 Link: <http://www.csg.org/LeadershipCenter/CurrentTollClass.aspx>

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