

Senator Dave

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Democrat • 8th District



Fighting For Change...  
*Building A Brighter Tomorrow*



STATE SENATOR **Dave Sokola**

**Working Hard,  
Getting Results  
For All The Citizens  
of Delaware**



## **Balancing Delaware's Budget – And Helping Yours**

- Voted to cut personal income taxes 25% since taking office
- Sponsored the bill to end Delaware's "marriage penalty"
- Voted to balance the budget every year, and helped Delaware become one of only seven states with AAA ratings from all three bond-rating agencies
- Fighting for long-term solutions to tackle out-of-control energy costs

## **Making Quality Education A Top Priority**

- Co-sponsored the Delaware SEED scholarship program to give every Delaware child the opportunity to attend college
- Led the fight to establish full-day kindergarten across the state
- Sponsored legislation to end the three-tier diploma system

## **Protecting Our Community**

- Created Delaware's graduated licensing program to help develop safer, more responsible young drivers
- Pushed for laws to restrict cell phone use by young, inexperienced drivers
- Worked to implement tougher penalties for drunk drivers

## **Preserving Our Environment**

- Co-sponsored legislation to provide reliable funding for open space preservation through the Farmland Preservation Trust
- Opposed efforts to undermine the Open Space Act – one of only three senators with the courage to do so before the bill was vetoed by Governor Minner
- Worked to protect the Judge Morris Estate and Deerfield Property from development





On Tuesday, November 7th  
Keep Delaware's Future  
In Good Hands

**RE-ELECT**

Senator Dave  
**SOKOLA** ★  
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Questions, comments, ideas? I'm here for you! Please  
contact me at 239-2193 or log on to [SenatorDave.org](http://SenatorDave.org)



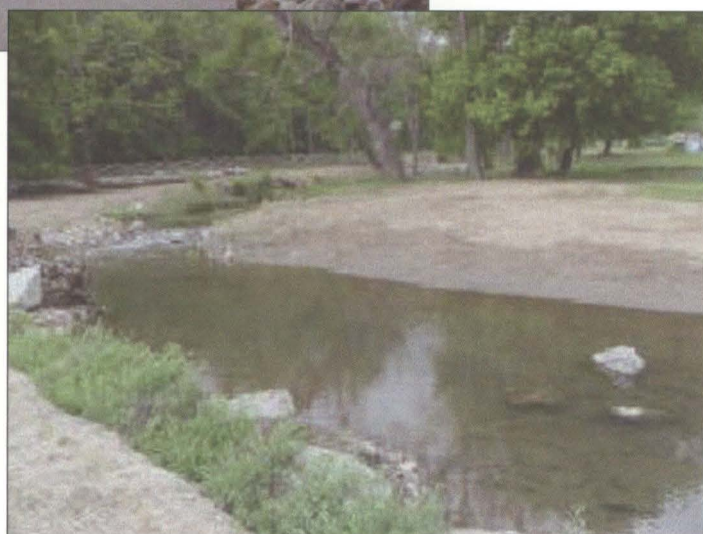
Lots of people talk about change...

## But Dave Sokola makes it happen.



**Left:** Before the Pike Creek Restoration

**Below:** After the Pike Creek Restoration



He's saved our families money by cutting personal income taxes and voting to balance the state budget. He's helped our kids by implementing rigorous academic standards and fighting for all-day kindergarten. And he reduced teenage car accidents by creating Delaware's graduated license program.

But most important of all, Dave Sokola is fighting for a state government that serves our interests — not the special interests. ***That's a real change.***

On Tuesday, November 7th, Vote for

Senator Dave  
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Left: Dave Sokola with his daughter, Megan, and his wife, Kathy.

“Delaware citizens deserve a Senator who fights for them instead of special interests. Together, we can build a stronger community and a better future for ourselves and our children.”

*Dave*

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## ABOUT Dave Sokola



David Sokola has served in the Delaware State Senate since 1990. He's a strong advocate for raising school standards and closing the achievement gap. David is also determined to protect our environment and keep a balanced budget. He's proud to have sponsored Delaware's Graduated Drivers License Law and Bicycle Helmet Law. David is an avid cyclist and a certified spinning instructor. He and his wife, Kathy, have one daughter, Megan.

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# Dave Sokola Is Making A Real Difference For Delaware Families.

## Making Sure Kids Get The Education They Deserve

Our kids shouldn't get less of an education just because times are tough. Quality schools benefit everyone. Better schools mean better neighborhoods and that helps us attract new jobs and businesses to the state. That's why Senator Sokola is working hard to ensure funding makes its way to the classroom. He also worked to eliminate the DSTP testing system, giving teachers the flexibility they need to provide a quality education to our children. And Senator Sokola is fighting to keep higher education affordable for Delaware families.

## Keeping Delaware Families Safe

Delaware is a great place to work and raise a family. That's why for Senator Sokola, public safety is a top priority. He wants kids and families to be able to play outside or just walk down a street without fear. Senator Sokola is fighting to keep criminals off our streets and to build stronger communities.

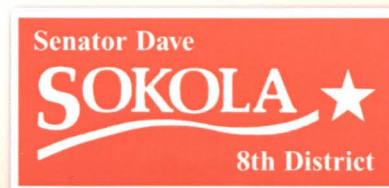
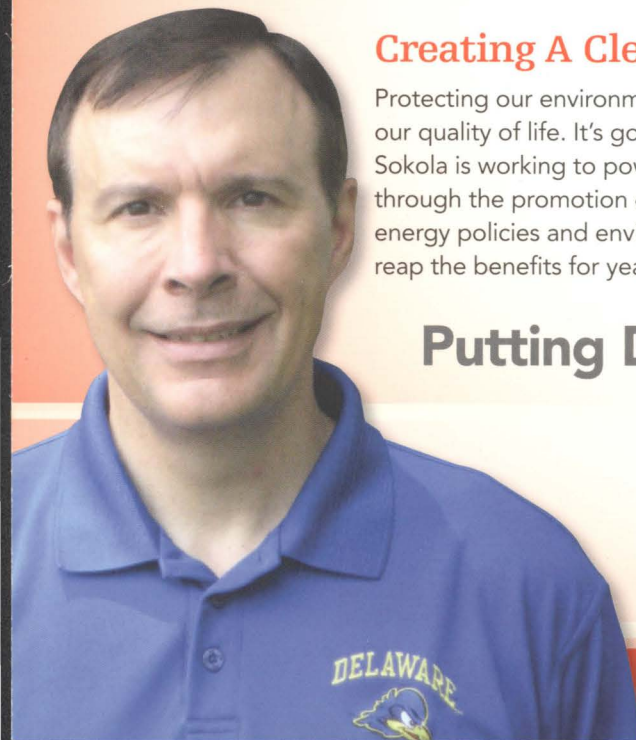
## Creating New Jobs And Opportunities

It's time to get Delaware back to work. That means fresh ideas and innovative thinking to attract new companies in emerging fields and industries to our state. Senator Sokola isn't stopping there. He's vowed to make it easier for residents to start their own businesses and to create incentives for existing businesses to expand.

## Creating A Clean Energy Economy

Protecting our environment is more than just protecting our quality of life. It's good economic policy. Senator Sokola is working to power our economic recovery through the promotion of clean energy jobs. With smart energy policies and environmental clean-up, Delaware will reap the benefits for years to come.

## Putting Delaware Back At The Head Of The Class



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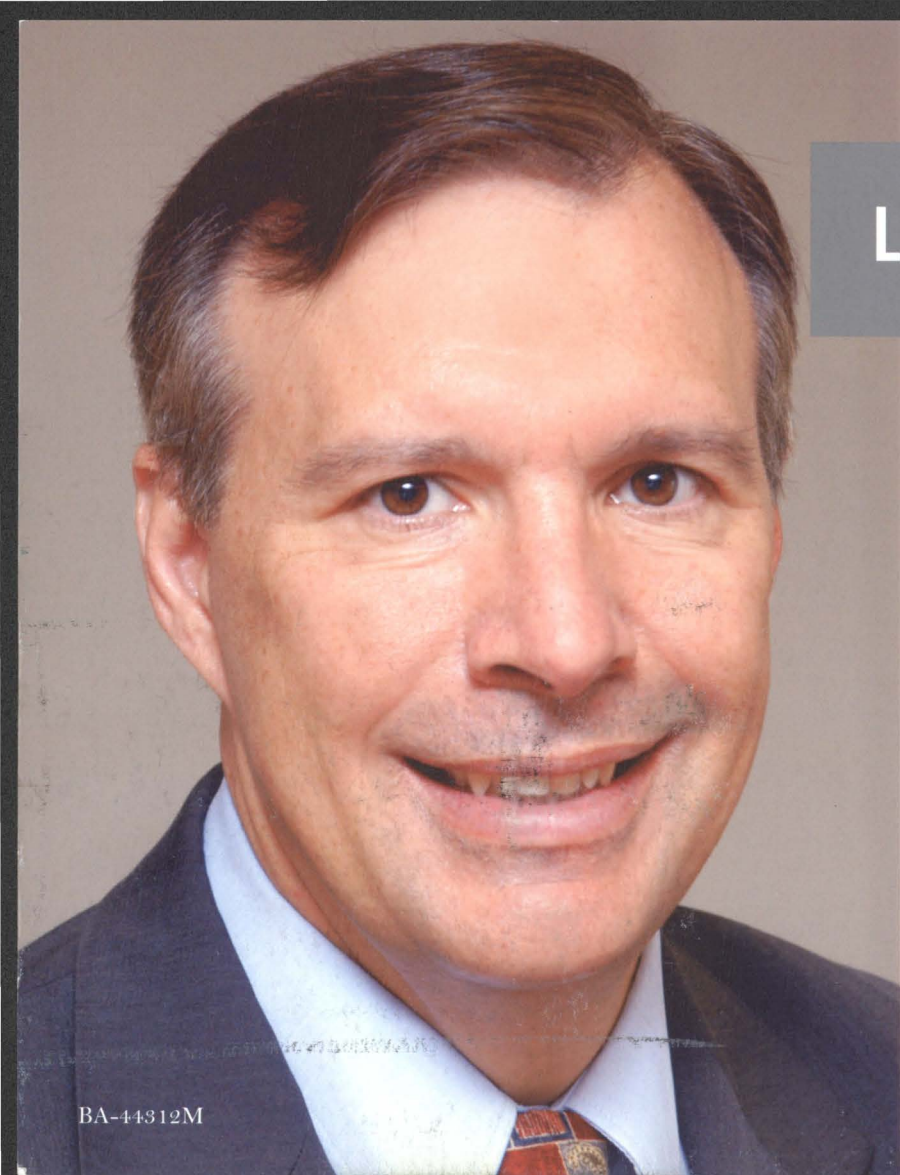
# FOR OUR SCHOOLS, OUR JOBS AND OUR FUTURE

**After you vote for President,  
vote for Dave!**

This is your polling place:

**DOWNES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
220 CASHO MILL ROAD  
NEWARK**





## LET'S KEEP OUR COMMUNITY IN GOOD HANDS

"Whether it's new investments in schools, smarter tax incentives for small businesses or protecting our state's unique cultural heritage, I'm working to help build a better Delaware."

– DAVE SOKOLA

### Vote for Dave Sokola on November 6th

Dave Sokola isn't your average legislator. He values public input and participation in government, and he's always out in our community listening to us. He has a vision for the future, and he's out there working with us to make it a reality.

That's why we need to vote for Dave on November 6th. We need him to continue fighting for new investments in our schools, making life easier for small businesses and keeping our environment clean from dirty development.



# Better education means a stronger workforce

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Dave Sokola invests in our future





Smart tax incentives lead to the economic growth we need.



Dave fought to bring greater oversight, accountability and support to the state's charter schools.



Dave's initiatives empower schools and give them more control over teacher hiring.

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# GOOD JOBS NEED GREAT SCHOOLS

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## Expanding educational opportunities

Good jobs start with a great education, and our children deserve every advantage we can provide. Dave taught in our public school system, and his passion for education is reflected in his work as a legislator. He understands what we must do to ensure everyone involved in childhood education has the tools for success.

- Led the fight to establish all-day kindergarten and made our K-3 schools into K-5 to consolidate resources and put more money back into our children's classroom.
- Dave's initiatives have narrowed the achievement gap, broadened school choice and brought new oversight, accountability and support to our charter schools.
- Co-sponsored the Delaware SEED scholarship program which expands access to higher education.
- Gave schools the power to make easier and better choices in hiring the right teachers.

## Real results

In a recent joint study by Stanford and Harvard, Delaware ranked third in academic growth and in narrowing the achievement gap over the last two decades. Over 9,000 additional students met the new state standard for math and over 10,000 met the standard for reading as defined by the Delaware Comprehensive Assessment System. The 2011-12 school year has been our best year yet, and our schools continue to improve.

## Tomorrow's jobs

Dave knows that an educated workforce will attract new, higher-paying high-tech jobs to our community. But companies looking to expand need a business climate that helps them make the necessary commitments to infrastructure and employees. That's why Dave supports smarter tax incentives and pro-growth business policies that encourage companies to invest in our workers and invest in Delaware.

Dave also helped ensure that Delaware maintained its AAA bond rating. This shows companies that, even in these tough economic times, Delaware remains a stable and good investment.



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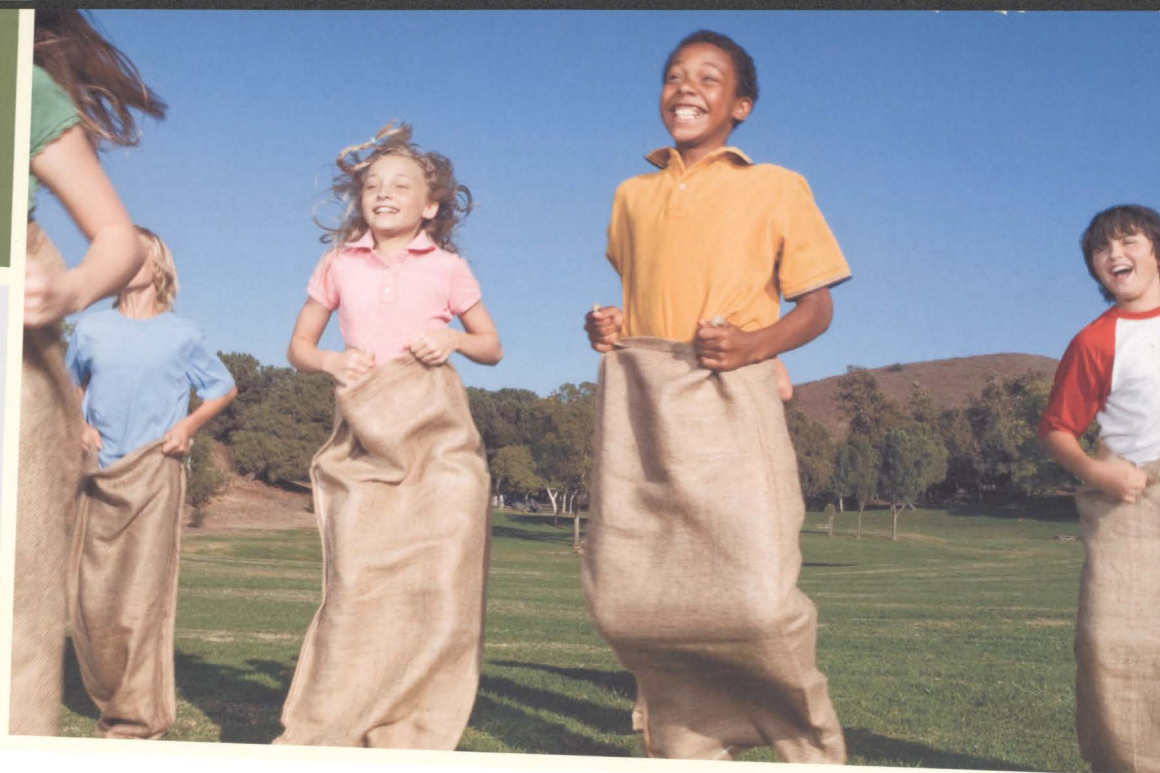
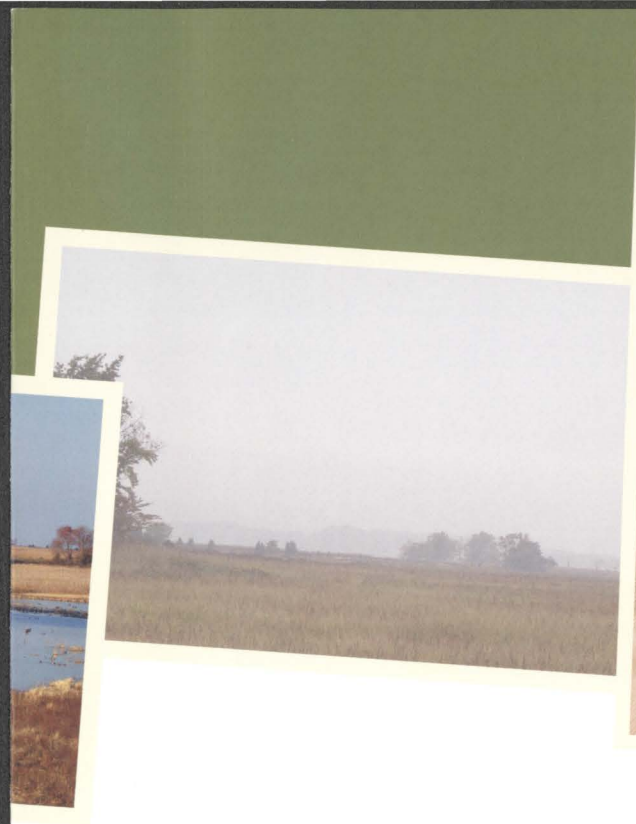
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## **Delaware is changing.**

New development puts a tremendous strain on our natural resources. It's more important than ever that we preserve that which makes our quality of life so high and truly unique.





**Dave Sokola is protecting our open spaces and farmland for our children and future generations.**

He secured \$10 million per year for the Farmland Preservation Fund, and he fights against irresponsible and unsustainable development schemes that would put us all at risk. Dave worked to protect the Judge Morris Estate from development and preserved the Deerfield Property from a similar fate.

**We can always count on Dave to stand up to polluters and reckless developers.**

In some cities and states, it's hard to catch your breath. With more cars on the road and more toxins in the atmosphere, it's no wonder that cases of asthma in children and emphysema in adults are on the rise. But Dave is fighting to keep the air we breathe safe. He's leading the charge for lower emissions at the Indian River and Edgemoor power plants as well as area refineries.

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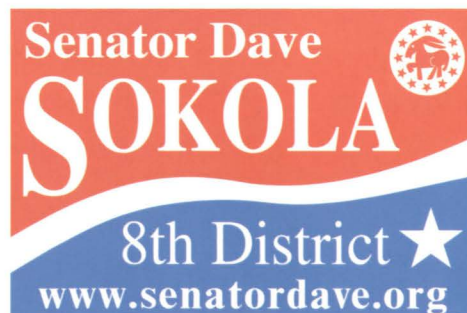


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# EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP, A PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

DAVE SOKOLA DELIVERS FOR US

Dave Sokola isn't your average legislator. He's not a lawyer or a professional politician. Dave is one of the most responsive and accessible leaders who truly values public input and participation in government. That's because he has a vision for the future, and he's out there working with you to make it a reality.





## Better schools

Dave taught in the public school system. That's why he's so passionate about making our schools the best in the nation and giving our children the tools they need to compete in the future. Whether it was expanding kindergarten to a full day or enabling schools to hire teachers earlier, Dave has taken the lead in making our education system work for our children.

## More jobs

As a scientist for DuPont with over 30 years experience, Dave knows that an educated workforce will attract new, higher-paying high-tech jobs to our state. But we also have to create the right environment for businesses to grow. Smarter tax incentives combined with our educated workforce will help move our economy forward.

## Clean air, safe water

Dave knows that the best way to keep our communities healthy is to keep our air clean and our water safe. He fought for cleaner air and lower emissions at the Indian River and Edgemoor plants. Dave also sponsored the "Shaping Delaware's Future Act" to preserve open spaces by controlling development through comprehensive planning.

## Good Government

In these difficult economic times, when even the United States government lost its AAA bond rating, Dave fought for sound spending policies that helped Delaware maintain its own AAA bond rating. Dave also knows how important honest and transparent government is to eliminating wasteful spending. That's why he fought to make all Senate committees open to the public.

For our *kids*  
For our *families*  
For our *future*





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AROUND THE DISTRICT TO TALK WITH VOTERS.**

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# Bill Stritzinger

STATE SENATE 8TH DISTRICT

*My name is Bill Stritzinger. For the last forty-four years, it has been my pleasure to call Newark my home. This was a great place to grow-up, and I am now blessed to be able to raise my own family here. My wife, Jennifer, and I recently celebrated 21 years of marriage, and we have three wonderful daughters that attend public school and the University of Delaware, race on the swim team, and play with their friends, all right here in the 8th Senate District.*



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# *Please Vote* Bill Stritzinger

## STATE SENATE 8TH DISTRICT

*I will work hard to create jobs, improve education and demand responsibility in spending. My first priority will be to create a political environment that is friendly and welcoming to small businesses. As a small businessman, I also understand that the quality of our public schools will determine the future of Delaware's success. Just like we must do in our homes and our own businesses, government must live within its means, set spending priorities, cut spending where necessary, and eliminate waste. I'm excited to represent you in the State Senate and am eager to hear your concerns.*

*Bill*

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