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THE INSTITUTE FOR COMMUNITY RESILIENCY AND CLIMATE ADAPTATION

UCONN's Institute for Community Resiliency and Climate Adaptation is a new research center designed to strengthen efforts to help residents, communities, and businesses better prepare for the impacts of more severe weather and rising sea levels. The Institute was envisioned in Special Act 13-9, a piece of legislation which I co-authored.

The Institute – which will bring together experts in the natural sciences, engineering, economics, political science, finance and law – will focus on a variety of areas, from improving scientific understanding of the changing climate and its local and regional impacts to hardening of the electric grid and shoreline infrastructure such as roads, bridges, train tracks, and wastewater treatment plants. The institute will also work towards increasing public understanding of climate issues so that residents and community leaders can make scientifically informed and environmentally sound decisions about climate adaptation.

LOW INTEREST LOANS FOR FLOOD PREVENTION

Low interest loans for raising homes will provide East Haven residents with a way to save their investments in our shoreline. With the rising cost of flood insurance, raising your home will not only lead to annual savings but will also provide more protection in the case of flooding. These loans would be paid back to the state, thereby providing a fiscally responsible avenue for both homeowners and government.



Dear Neighbor,

East Haven has been battered by storms in the past few years and in response I've been working on a number of legislative initiatives to improve our preparedness and response, but there is more work to be done.

Last year we passed a law that will help protect Connecticut's coastline by asking towns and state agencies to consider the effects of major flooding events and rising sea levels on their communities and infrastructure. And over the past two years we have adjusted coastal permitting rules that will make it easier for residents to work with DEEP. Moving forward I will work with the new DEEP Commissioner, Robert Klee, to further my commitment to keeping East Haven's environmental assets clean, safe, and accessible.

I hope that this is informative and helpful for you. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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