

Dear Neighbor,

I take serving our community seriously, which is why this session I voted for every Glastonbury resident.

We made the biggest tax cuts in CT's history to put more money back into your pockets. We offered a fully funded, first-of-its-kind mental health program to ensure all our kids are safe and have the resources they need. We also offered additional relief to local businesses and restaurants so they can keep their doors open despite facing numerous challenges throughout the pandemic.

All our efforts this year work to make life easier for you, even in the face of historically high inflation rates. I am proud to make these critical investments in our community while maintaining CT's fiscal responsibility and integrity for the future.

Best,



## SERVING THOSE WHO SERVE US

- Guaranteed CT veterans in-state tuition rates
- Adopted higher department equipment standards, collecting better data on the prevalence of cancer among firefighters, and secured more local funding for firefighters who leave service with a cancer diagnosis
- Provided funding to local volunteer fire departments who respond to emergencies on certain state highways
- Established a new, local-option property tax exemption equal to 10% of home values for more veterans
- Created new license plates for veterans who served in Afghanistan or Iraq



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# STATE REPRESENTATIVE JILL BARRY CAPITOL UPDATE 2022

## 2022 SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Addressing Children's Mental Health Needs
- Cutting Taxes to Combat Historic Inflation
- Keeping CT Safe with Juvenile Justice Reform
- Creating Environmentally Conscious Initiatives
- Maintaining CT's Future Fiscal Integrity



# I VOTED TO CUT YOUR TAXES



OUR STATE BUDGET INCLUDES

## \$650 MILLION IN TAX RELIEF

- ✓ Creates a Child Tax Rebate
- ✓ Expands the Property Tax Credit
- ✓ Ends pension and annuity tax
- ✓ Invests in healthcare workers



### GROWING CT'S ECONOMY

- Lowered the business tax rate for unemployment insurance, effectively making the federal loan repayment for the coming year on behalf of businesses
- Established JobsCT program – helping companies in target industries earn rebates against insurance premiums and state taxes for meeting job targets
- Offered support to CT's residents with CDL training
- Made direct investments in community nonprofits
- Helped community providers keep up with inflation
- Provided support to museums, theaters and other CT attractions
- Created additional student loan assistance programs
- Approved economic incentives for Sikorsky tied to new federal contracts and expansion

### PUBLIC SAFETY INITIATIVES

- Made it harder to resell catalytic converters
- Targeted gun stores that don't have a functional alarm system

#### Responded to juvenile crime, auto thefts and the increase of crime in our community:

- Invested in Youth Service Bureaus and Juvenile Review Boards
- Increased work opportunities for young adults
- Expanded alternatives to incarceration

#### Keeping the public safe:

- Expanded hands-on training for police
- Addressed laboratory and case backlogs
- Expanded use of GPS monitoring
- Toughened penalties for vehicle thefts
- Created more crisis training for our police
- Funded state and local task forces to address gun violence and auto thefts

### ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES

#### Protecting CT's Environment

- Created a public health reporting system for homeowners with an abundance of salt in their drinking water
- Expanded state farmland restoration programming to include climate-smart farming and forestry practices
- Set a goal of reaching zero greenhouse gas emissions from electricity supplied to you by 2040
- Expanded financing to develop zero emission vehicle infrastructure, build more solar power and fuel cells, and reinforce our electric grid against the effects of climate change
- Expanded eligibility for participation in the state's brownfield remediation program to include companies that lease a property with an intent to own. This will expand our efforts to help cities and towns address their brownfields