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PROUDLY SERVING WEST HAVEN

Dear Neighbor,

I know the past year has been difficult for each individual and family in our community, but I am so proud, and not surprised of the way in which our residents supported and cared for each other.

Through this newsletter I'm sharing some highlights of my work at the Capitol thus far in 2021.

This session I advocated for increased access to mental health resources, additional support for our seniors, veterans, and small businesses, equitable public health policies, and led the state's environmental work. I also worked with my colleagues to pass a bipartisan budget that will strengthen our economy and invest in our infrastructure, sustainability efforts, and education. I'm proud that West Haven will see an increase in funding in both Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023 through this budget. I am confident that these state investments will see our community recover and thrive as we move forward.

It's impossible to convey all of the new resources and information that is available in this short snapshot, therefore I encourage you to sign up for my weekly newsletters. With over 15,000 residents now receiving the information I share, the feedback on its usefulness has been very positive. I want to ensure that as many of you as possible take advantage of the timely information about our state and city.

Thank you for allowing me to continue to serve as your State Representative.

All my best,



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Rep. Borer stands by as Gov. Lamont signs the Climate Change bill she worked on.

**A GREENER CT**

Leading CT’s legislative environmental efforts this year was both educational and an honor. Here are some of the successes we had:

- Invested over \$50 million to provide access to clean water for all communities and to ensure our storm water and waste water is properly addressed.
- Eliminated harmful chemicals such as “PFAS” from our firefighting foam and food packaging.
- Passed legislation to adopt recommendations by the GC3 on climate change mitigation and adaptation.
- Addressed our waste crisis by modernizing the bottle bill and provided more funds to communities to address litter.
- Strengthened our Right-to-Know law so that the public is notified in a TIMELY manner on potential spills in our waterways and oceans.
- Provided benefits for our farmers including our shellfish farming industry.
- Spearheaded the inclusion of an additional \$5 million towards open space efforts across the state.
- My bill to begin to eliminate plastic straws and styrofoam was filibustered, but I am committed to getting this over the finish line in future sessions.



Representative Borer and New Haven’s Representative Porter visit an educational agriculture event at Lockwood Farm.

**OUR STATE BUDGET**

This session we passed a \$46.4 billion biennium budget with a \$2.3 billion surplus that will help jumpstart our economy and invests in our cities and towns, nonprofits, and working families. We also kept our commitment to funding local schools, ensuring we give towns predictability by honoring our formula for state grants and ensuring no town receives less than it received the year before.

Additionally, we listened to many of you and provided increased funding for hospitals and local health departments in response to COVID-19. We included additional resources to those on the frontlines of the pandemic including first responders and nonprofit providers as well as those who work in nursing homes and schools.

**FUNDING FOR WEST HAVEN**

	FY 21	FY 22
<b>LoCIP (Local Capital Improvement Project)</b>	<b>\$612,854</b>	<b>\$612,854</b>
<b>Town Road Aid</b>	<b>\$619,574</b>	<b>\$619,574</b>
<b>Center First Fire District funding</b>	<b>\$788,328</b>	<b>\$2,534,882</b>
<b>Allingtown Fire District funding</b>	<b>\$960,925</b>	<b>\$1,731,026</b>
<b>West Shore Fire District funding</b>	<b>\$322,159</b>	<b>\$738,814</b>
<b>Grants For Municipal Projects</b>	<b>\$147,516</b>	<b>\$147,516</b>
<b>Education</b>	<b>\$49,172,249</b>	<b>\$50,560,806</b>



I am proud to have secured \$50 thousand in funding for the West Haven Military Museum and to have championed legislation supporting veterans and their families.

**STANDING UP FOR SENIORS**

My mom, who recently passed away, lived with my son and me for her last 6 years. I would not trade one second of these and all of our precious years together. I have seen firsthand the challenges our seniors and their caring family members face regarding healthcare and financial needs. Below are some of the bills I supported to provide assistance to our aging population.

- Required background checks for the homemakers and companions caring for our loved ones.
- Gave towns the ability to offer more seniors a break on their property taxes.
- Required virtual visiting access, better staffing models, and improved inventories for nursing home residents.
- Strengthened rights for residents of long-term care facilities.
- Fought age discrimination in the workplace- limited the need for your age and other dates on job applications.
- Supported a study to connect our seniors to more food resources and increased our farmers markets coupons for seniors.



Rep. Borer delivering food to seniors during the Covid pandemic.

**NEW ROLE AS BONDING CHAIR**

This session I was appointed to assist in leading the state of CT’s bonding efforts. This position allowed me to recommend funding for programs that I know will benefit all of us. Some of those areas include:

- IT upgrades across our state agencies for a streamlined and better experience for those using state services, including the DMV!
- Capital needs for our nonprofits, including our healthcare facilities.
- Programs for our manufacturing education pipeline.
- Funding for our Homeland Security Division.
- Economic development funds for projects that will transform some of our neediest cities, including ours.