



Dear Neighbor,

This has been a difficult year for our City. Through it all, I have continued to stay focused on providing much-needed state funding to keep our local taxes from spiking and to invest in projects to help move us forward. In addition, I supported a budget that provides millions in tax relief and additional funding for our education, fire departments, and city operations. Additionally, I championed many bills that support healthcare, education, public safety, businesses, and more.

I know that there is a lot of information to digest in these few pages, so please feel free to reach out with any questions.

As always, it is my pleasure and I am proud to serve as your State Representative. We are a strong, resilient community that will face and work through our challenges together.

Sincerely,



STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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OUR STATE BUDGET INCLUDES

**\$650 MILLION
IN TAX RELIEF**

- ✔ Creates a Child Tax Credit
- ✔ Increases the property tax credit
- ✔ Reduces the car tax
- ✔ Extends the gas tax cut
- ✔ Extends free bus service
- ✔ Ends pension and annuity tax
- ✔ Invests in healthcare workers

2022 SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Addressing Children's Mental Health Needs
- Cutting Taxes while Maintaining Connecticut's Future Fiscal Integrity
- Providing additional funding for West Haven
- Keeping Connecticut Safe with Juvenile Justice Reform
- Bolstering Access to Healthcare
- Creating Environmentally Conscious Initiatives



SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS

- Guaranteed in-state tuition rates for Connecticut veterans
- Established a new, local-option property tax exemption equal to 10% of home values for more veterans
- Created new specialty license plates for veterans to display specific wartime service

SUPPORTING EDUCATION INITIATIVES

- Established a new reimbursement grant to assist schools in upgrading their HVAC systems, and ensured regular inspections and reporting on their operation
- Advocated for an additional \$10 million in Connecticut school security grants
- Extended the renewal time for teaching certificates
- Doubled grants to school districts for bilingual education
- Provided significant funding for K-12 mental health support



INVESTING IN BUSINESSES & NONPROFITS

- Lowered the business tax rate for unemployment insurance
- Established JobsCT program to help target companies earn rebates for meeting job targets
- Made investments in community nonprofits
- Provided support to museums, theaters, and other Connecticut attractions

IMPROVING HEALTHCARE ACCESS

- Made \$12 million available for tobacco prevention and cessation
- Strengthened the state's intervention and response to lead poisoning and prevention
- Increased funding to our specialty care hospitals
- Continued telehealth options
- Established requirement for breast and ovarian cancer screening insurance coverage



Watch my Testimony on Breast Cancer Screening Coverage

SERVING THOSE WHO SERVE US

- Secured 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
- Extended employment protections to police officers who seek mental health care services
- Improved training for handling incidents involving individuals with mental or physical disabilities
- Provided over \$3 million in increased PILOT funding for our three fire districts