

Dear Neighbor,

I am proud to share some historic highlights from the 2022 legislative session.

Historic like more than \$650 million in tax cuts. Historic like our investment in the mental health of our children. Historic like our commitment to growing jobs and our economy. Historic like a state budget that pays off millions in pension debt and continues our record rainy day fund while investing in Waterbury's schools, mental health, public safety and programs that work - all while honoring the spending cap.

That's not to say we aren't facing challenges. We are seeing inflation that hits everyone's wallets and housing prices that are pricing many out of even modest homes. That's why I fought hard to provide you with relief by increasing the property tax credit, phasing out taxes on retirement income, creating a child tax payment, cutting the gas tax and more.

I hope you find this newsletter packed with useful information. It is my pleasure to serve as your state representative.

All my best,



ACCESS TO QUALITY HEALTHCARE

- Expanded screenings for breast and cervical cancer
- Made \$12M available for tobacco prevention and cessation
- Ensured more psychiatric treatment beds
- Allowed pharmacists, in collaboration with your doctor, to adjust medications without requiring as many in-person visits
- Created a home visit pilot program for newborns



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STATE REPRESENTATIVE LARRY B. BUTLER'S 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
- Bolstering Reproductive Freedoms
- 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 Credit
- ✔ Cuts property taxes for retirees
- ✔ Cuts the car tax
- ✔ Extends the gas tax cut
- ✔ Extends free bus service
- ✔ Ends pension and annuity tax
- ✔ Invests in healthcare workers



STANDING UP FOR WORKERS

- Helped front-line, private sector workers access premium pay, if they were certain essential employees who had to work through the pandemic
- Expanded access to special relief funding for specific front-line workers who had to work during COVID and got sick as a result
- Toughened the penalty for public contractors who under-pay or withhold wages and benefits, created a public registry of these individuals, and established a process for revoking the licenses of repeat offenders



MAKING OUR CITIES SAFER

- Toughened penalties for vehicle thefts
- Invested in Youth Service Bureaus and Juvenile Review Boards
- Expanded hands-on training for police
- Increased training and education of sexual abuse identification and prevention
- Funded state and local task forces to address gun violence and auto thefts
- Extended address confidentiality to victims of kidnapping, human trafficking, and child abuse



CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH

- Provided grants to local schools to hire more support staff, including in the areas of mental health: social workers, psychologists, and counselors
- Expanded 24/7 emergency mental health response
- Created new walk-ins for mental health emergencies
- Provided mental health training to parents, students, and pediatricians