

Dear Neighbor,

Thank you for continuing to provide me the privilege of representing you and your interests in the General Assembly during the 2022 legislative session. I can't thank you enough for supporting and uplifting our neighbors and our communities this year. We don't do any of this alone.

This year we worked to empower and support our district, often through bipartisan efforts. We continued to rebuild, reconnect, and reinvest in our communities. In the midst of worldwide inflation and its impact on our own spending and saving, Connecticut's legislature responded accordingly with both immediate and long-term measures. Not only were we able to provide swift financial relief to help families right now, but we did this while paying down long-term liabilities and funding our "rainy day fund" at maximum levels.

While we continue to get the state's financial house in order, we also focused on addressing what we have been hearing from constituents in our communities. With never-before-seen levels of support to respond to the ongoing youth mental health crisis and to make investments in our nonprofits and workforce pipelines, we worked to strengthen the foundation of what makes our state a place where we want to live, grow, and thrive.

I'm always happy to hear from you and want to be of support, don't hesitate to contact me anytime at home 860-528-8822 or the office 860-240-8585. And, always stay up-to-date on what's happening at the capitol and in our community by signing up for email updates at [housedems.ct.gov/currey](http://housedems.ct.gov/currey) or use to QR code to your right.

Very truly yours,

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### GROWING OUR ECONOMY & BUILDING OUR WORKFORCE

...because a stronger economy means a stronger Connecticut.

Connecticut is home to national leaders in manufacturing, aerospace, green technology, insurance, healthcare, and many other growing industries. It is important that we work together – private sector and public sector, workers and business owners – to keep growing our economy, improving our business climate, and ensuring we have the best trained and qualified workers in the country. Here is a summary of some of the important steps we took this year:

- Established JobsCT program, which helps companies in target industries earn rebates against insurance premiums and state taxes for meeting job targets
- Expanded the successful Manufacturing Pipeline program
- Increased work opportunities for young adults
- New paid internship program at DOT
- Provided parents and students with more occupational opportunities and helped schools partner with more local businesses
- Created additional student loan assistance programs
- Established student loan reimbursement program for in demand health care and mental health workers
- Expanded the debt-free community college program to more first-time, part-time students



### RALLYING BEHIND THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY

...because representation matters, especially as one of only two openly gay legislators.

- Made CT a refuge state for those receiving and/or seeking gender affirming care
- Strengthened the LGBTQ+ Health & Human Services Network
- Utilized the first state-wide LGBTQ+ needs assessment for policy development
- Provided additional funding to front-line LGBTQ+ organizations

THE STATE BUDGET CUTS TAXES FOR MIDDLE CLASS AND WORKING CLASS FAMILIES, WHILE INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY AND SMALL BUSINESSES. IT BOOSTS FUNDING FOR SOCIAL SERVICES AFTER YEARS OF CUTS AND HELPS THOSE HIT HARDEST BY THE PANDEMIC.

## OUR STATE BUDGET INVESTS IN CT FAMILIES

- ✓ Creates a Child Tax Credit
- ✓ Increases the property tax credit for retirees
- ✓ Increases funding for our schools
- ✓ Invests in non-profit community organizations
- ✓ Cuts motor vehicle taxes
- ✓ Ends pension and annuity tax
- ✓ Invests in healthcare workers

### DELIVERING FOR OUR COMMUNITIES

...because we want to make Connecticut a better place to live, work and raise a family.

As we continue to navigate an uncertain economic environment, my focus has been on investing in our communities and making Connecticut more affordable for working families and seniors. In addition to funding the initiatives outlined throughout this newsletter, the FY 23 budget included support for ridding our homes and pipes of lead, transitioning to a renewable energy future, building more affordable housing, responding to the pandemic-driven increase in crime, and much more. This is truly a budget that I believe meets the moment.

Specifically, for our towns:

- **\$13,059,779** in total municipal funding for **East Hartford**
- **\$5,972,915** in total municipal funding for **Manchester**
- **\$2,955,014** in total municipal funding for **South Windsor**
- **\$58,601,580** for **East Hartford Schools**
- **\$41,134,504** for **Manchester Schools**
- **\$11,408,078** for **South Windsor Schools**
- **\$5.5 million** for planning and building a **new public library** in Manchester
- **\$604,000** to establish and expand health centers in **East Hartford schools**
- **\$556,116** to support the expansion of **Intercommunity Healthcare**
- **Critical funding** to support youth programs.
- **\$11,000,000** in bonding funds to help with redevelopment of the **Silver Lane corridor and upgrade parks in East Hartford**

### PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

... because our children deserve a healthy home.

- Set goal of reaching zero greenhouse gas emissions from electricity supplied by 2040
- Created new incentives for consumer and commercial electric vehicles, required installation of electric chargers at new state and commercial buildings and exempted electric charging stations from the property tax
- Expanded financing to develop zero emission vehicle infrastructure and build more solar power and fuel cells
- Prohibited the use of the dangerous chemical chlorpyrifos



### SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOLS, EDUCATORS, AND STUDENTS

...because education is foundational to success.

- Extended the renewal time for teaching certificates
- Expanded scholarships to build upon the state's minority teacher recruitment efforts
- Doubled funding for bilingual education
- Established a new grant program to assist schools in upgrading their HVAC systems, and ensured regular inspections and reporting on their operation
- Increased pay to childcare workers and funding for infant and toddler care programs
- Expanded successful Birth to Three Program
- Approved state tax credit for childcare

### PUTTING YOUR HEALTH & SAFETY ON SOLID FOOTING

...because your well-being matters.

- Required certain medical providers to offer HIV testing
- Delivered \$12M for tobacco prevention and cessation
- Strengthened the state's lead poisoning prevention program
- Expanded screenings for breast and cervical cancer
- Ensured more psychiatric treatment beds
- Established an office on gun violence prevention
- Launched a new home visit program to support families with newborns
- Extended telehealth options