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SENIOR UPDATE

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I hope that this message finds you and yours well.

Advocating on behalf of senior citizens is always a top priority of mine. I want to share with you some of the legislation passed this year to better the lives of seniors in our community and our state. This includes details on a new Elder Justice Hotline that will be run by the Attorney General's Office.

If you have questions or if you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at 860-240-8568 or email me at Michael.DAgostino@cga.ct.gov.

I look forward to hearing from you.

All my best,

Michael D'Agostino

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PROPERTY TAX RELIEF EXPANDED

HB 6458, *An Act Lowering the Age of Eligibility for Property Tax Relief for Senior Citizens and Establishing a Task Force to Protect Senior Citizens from Fraud*, gives towns the ability to lower the age to 65 to provide property tax relief for seniors and as described, creates a task force to prevent fraud targeted at seniors.

PHASING OUT THE INCOME TAX ON PENSIONS AND ANNUITIES

HB 6689, *An Act Concerning the State Budget*, continues to phase out the state income tax on pensions and annuities - exempting an additional 28% over the next 2 years, which will exempt in total 70% of this income from state taxes for most seniors.

BANNING AGE DISCRIMINATION

SB 56, *An Act Deterring Age Discrimination in Employment Applications*, prohibits age discrimination during the employment application process.

RIGHTS OF NURSING HOME RESIDENTS EXPANDED

HB 6457, *An Act Concerning Access to Recordings and Images from Technology Used by Nursing Home Residents for Virtual Visitation and Virtual Monitoring*, expands the rights of nursing home residents and ensures they can use technology to facilitate virtual visits with family and friends.

LONG TERM CARE INSURANCE

SB 1046, *An Act Concerning Long Term Care Insurance*, puts in place strong consumer protections on long-term care insurance to prevent significant, unexpected rate increases and ensures more affordable products are available.

THE ELDER JUSTICE HOTLINE 860-808-5555

Connecticut has created a resource to help older residents navigate state services. Operators will be able to provide assistance for various Elder Justice issues, such as aged based discrimination in the workplace to abuse and neglect. The hotline will be staffed by the Attorney General's Office Monday through Friday from 8am to 5pm. You can also find more info and an online complaint form here at: portal.ct.gov/ag/elderhotline

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Hamden Community Services
203-562-2026

Hamden Elderly Services/Senior Center
203-287-2547

Center for Medicare Advocacy
800-262-4414

Office of the Healthcare Advocate
866-466-4446

Dept. of Social Services
855-626-6632

United Way Infoline (General Assistance)
Dial 2-1-1 or visit www.211ct.org

Dept. of Rehabilitation Services
800-537-2549



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