

STATE REPRESENTATIVE MIKE DEMICCO

Dear Neighbor,

The 2022 session of the Connecticut General Assembly saw significant achievements for the state of Connecticut, and for Farmington in particular. The newly adopted state budget allows for up to \$40 million in state reimbursement for the new Farmington High School and maintains Farmington's high level of municipal grants and education grants from the state.

In addition, over \$650 million in tax cuts were instituted, including an expanded property tax credit, a child tax credit, a gasoline tax suspension, and a phase-out of the income tax on pensions.

We passed legislation to expand mental health services for children, protect reproductive health services, expand clean energy programs, reduce carbon emissions, improve air quality in schools, reduce absentee ballot restrictions, protect consumer data privacy, and expand health insurance coverage.

It is an honor to represent the residents of Farmington and Unionville in the General Assembly. I am always available to listen to your concerns, benefit from your ideas, and offer assistance. Please feel free to contact me directly at (860) 240-8545, or: mike.demicco@cga.ct.gov

Best,



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ABSENTEE BALLOT VOTING

Public Act 22-2 expands absentee voting provisions. It allows for absentee ballot voting because of “sickness” (rather than because of one’s own illness), and because of “physical disability” (rather than because of one’s own physical disability).

AIR QUALITY IN SCHOOLS

Public Act 22-118 requires the Department of Administrative Services to administer a grant program to reimburse Boards of Education for costs associated with installing, replacing, or upgrading HVAC systems in schools.

REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES

Public Act 22-19 generally protects individuals in Connecticut from being extradited to another state, as a result of providing reproductive health services in Connecticut. Further, this new law authorizes additional types of health care providers to perform certain reproductive health services.

JUVENILE JUSTICE

Public Act 22-115 makes various changes to juvenile arrest procedures, including: requiring a court appearance within 5 business days after arrest; allowing electronic monitoring if charged with a second motor vehicle theft; and increasing the maximum “lockup” period from 6 to 8 hours without a judge’s detention order.

CLEAN ENERGY EXPANSION

Public Act 22-14 expands two Connecticut clean energy programs: The Non-Residential Energy Solutions program, and the Shared Clean Energy Facility program. The new law generally doubles the size of these programs by lifting the caps on the amount of energy available under them.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- Up to ***\$40 MILLION*** in state reimbursement for the new *Farmington High School*
- Increase in PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) reimbursement for state property located in Farmington
- Over \$650 million in tax cuts, including:
 - » expanded property tax credit from \$200 to \$300
 - » child tax rebate of \$250 per child for eligible families
 - » gasoline tax suspension until December
- Record surplus in the “Rainy Day” fund
- Increased funding for social services “safety net” agencies
- Continued paying down of legacy “unfunded liabilities”

ELECTRICITY EMISSIONS

Public Act 22-5 sets a requirement within Connecticut’s Global Warming Solutions Act, that the state eliminate greenhouse gas emissions from electricity supplied to electric customers by January 1, 2040.

CONSUMER DATA PRIVACY

Public Act 22-15 establishes a framework for controlling and processing personal data. It sets privacy protection standards for data controllers and processors, and gives consumers the right to opt out of the processing of personal data for targeted advertising.

PUBLIC AGENCY MEETINGS

Public Act 22-3 allows public agencies to continue holding remote and hybrid meetings, as long as they comply with the requirements under existing law.

HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE

Public Act 22-90 expands fully insured commercial health insurance coverage for mammograms, ultrasounds, MRI’s, breast biopsies, certain prophylactic mastectomies, and breast reconstruction surgery, subject to certain conditions.

CAPTIVE AUDIENCE MEETINGS

Public Act 22-24 prohibits employers from penalizing employees for refusing to attend employer-sponsored meetings primarily intended to convey the employer’s opinion about religious or political matters.

CHILDREN’S MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Three new laws, based on Senate Bill 1, Senate Bill 2, and House Bill 5001, will strengthen Connecticut’s mental and behavioral health system. These laws will: expand 24/7 emergency mental health response; offer grants to local schools to hire social workers, counselors, and psychologists; provide mental health training to parents, students, and pediatricians; and expand school-based health centers to develop mental health programming.

CLEAN TRANSPORTATION

Public Act 22-25 allows the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to adopt California’s emission standards for medium and heavy-duty vehicles; provides property tax exemptions for zero-emission buses and certain electric vehicle charging infrastructure; and establishes grant programs for traffic signal modernization, zero-emission school buses, and zero-emission medium and heavy duty trucks.

