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This session, I continue to serve as the House Chairman of the Environment Committee. I was proud to lead the passage of several bills that are good for the environment and will now be considered by the General Assembly.

*To share your opinion on these bills, please contact me at
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CREATING NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR FARMERS

Connecticut is currently experiencing one of the largest percentage increases in the number of new and beginning farmers in the nation. SB 1063 establishes a task force to explore and improve the availability of farmland and supplies for first-time farmers. SB 598 and SB 893 authorize and regulate the production of industrial hemp statewide. These bills are particularly important for farmers to grow, produce and sell hemp, which has many practical commercial uses.

REDUCING THE USE OF NON-RECYCLABLE PRODUCTS

There are several bills that would lead to the prohibition of single-use plastic bags, polystyrene containers and plastic straws. It is important that our actions are sustainable and environmentally friendly. SB 1003, HB 5385, SB 229 and HB 5384 are structured to reduce the amount of plastic products found in our waterways and woodlands.

PROTECTING THE RESIDENTS OF CONNECTICUT

In another important effort to protect the environment, SB 232 will prohibit gas companies from charging customers for natural gas lost on delivery to the consumer. SB 753 bans hydraulic fracturing (“fracking”) waste and its associated by-products from the State of Connecticut.

HELPING TOWNS PREPARE FOR CLIMATE CHANGE

SB 1062 authorizes municipalities to establish climate change and coastal resiliency reserve funds to cover property losses and land acquisitions resulting from storms and rising sea levels.

STRENGTHENING THE BOTTLE BILL

In effort to increase the number of bottle returns and prevent litter in our community parks and waterways, HB 7294 expands the bottle redemption program in Connecticut. This bill will include bottled juice, tea, sports and energy drinks.