

Dear Neighbor,

I take serving our community seriously, which is why this session I voted for every Waterbury resident.

We made the biggest tax cuts in CT's history to put more money back into your pockets. We established a fully funded, first-of-its-kind mental health program to ensure all our kids are safe and have the resources they need. We offered additional relief to local businesses and restaurants so they can keep their doors open despite facing numerous challenges throughout the pandemic.

All our efforts this year work to make life easier for you, even in the face of historically high inflation rates. I am proud to make these critical investments in our community while maintaining CT's fiscal responsibility and integrity for the future.



PUBLIC SAFETY INITIATIVES

- Made it harder to resell catalytic converters (PA 22-43)
- Invested in Youth Service Bureaus and Juvenile Review Boards
- Increased work opportunities for young adults
- Expanded use of GPS monitoring
- Toughened penalties for vehicle thefts
- Created more crisis training for our police
- Funded state and local task forces to address gun violence and auto thefts



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2022 SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Increasing ECS Funding for Waterbury Schools
- Cutting Taxes to Combat Historic Inflation
- Lowering Car Tax Cap to 32.46 Mills
- 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
- ✓ Expands the property tax credit
- ✓ 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

- Toughened the penalty for public contractors who underpay or withhold wages and benefits, created a public registry of those individuals, and established a process for revoking the licenses of repeat offenders (PA 22-17)
- Helped front-line, private sector workers access premium pay, if they were certain essential employees who had to work through the pandemic (PA 22-118)
- Expanded access to special relief funding for specific front-line workers who had to work during COVID and got sick as a result (PA 22-118)

SERVING THOSE WHO SERVED US

- Adopted higher fire department equipment standards, collecting better data on the prevalence of cancer among firefighters, and secured more local funding for firefighters who leave service with a cancer diagnosis (PA 22-139)
- Extended employment protections to police officers who seek and receive mental health care services. (PA 22-64)
- Established a new, local-option property tax exemption equal to 10% of home values for more veterans (PA 22-34)
- Guaranteed CT veterans in-state tuition rates (PA 22-41)

ADDRESSING CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH

- Provided grants to local schools to hire more support staff in the areas of mental health: social workers, psychologists, and counselors
- Expanded 24/7 emergency mental health response
- Assisted local schools in expanding mental health staff and access to care
- Provided mental health training to parents, students, and pediatricians
- Established state oversight and coordination of the state response to kids' mental health needs. (PA 22-47, 22-80)