

Dear Neighbor,

I am proud to share some historic highlights from the 2022 legislative session.

Historic such as more than \$650 million in tax cuts. Historic such as our investment in the mental health of our children. Historic such as our commitment to growing jobs and our economy. Historic such as a state budget that pays off millions in pension debt and continues our record rainy day fund while investing in West Hartford, schools, health care, and public safety programs that work.

That's not to say we aren't facing challenges. We face rising inflation that hits everyone's wallets and housing prices that are increasing rents and pricing many out of homeownership. That's why I fought hard to provide you with relief: an increase of the property tax credit, a phase out for taxes on retirement income, the state's first child tax credit, a cut to the gas tax and much more.

It is my honor to serve as your state representative. I welcome your questions and ideas to build a better future for our district and our state.

Sincerely,

Kate

INVESTING IN WEST HARTFORD

I secured nearly \$1 million of state funds for the environmental cleanup of the Puritan furniture property in Elmwood for new development.

I also worked with my West Hartford legislative colleagues to seek essential funding for our cultural and arts organizations in the 20th District (\$15,000 for Playhouse on Park and \$100,000 for Noah Webster House).



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STATE REPRESENTATIVE KATE FARRAR CAPITOL UPDATE 2022

2022 SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Addressing Children's Mental Health Needs
- Cutting Taxes to Combat Historic Inflation
- Keeping CT Safe with Juvenile Justice Reform
- Bolstering Reproductive Freedoms
- 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
- ✓ Cuts property taxes for retirees
- ✓ Cuts the car tax
- ✓ Extends the gas tax cut
- ✓ Extends free bus service
- ✓ Ends pension and annuity tax
- ✓ Invests in healthcare workers



CREATING AFFORDABLE CHILD CARE & HEALTH CARE

- Increased pay for childcare workers to attract and retain more educators and increased funding for infant and toddler care programs.
- Expanded 24/7 mental health response services, provided grants to schools to hire more mental health staff, and provided training to pediatricians.
- Championed funding to expand HUSKY healthcare coverage, regardless of immigration status, to children 12 and under, pregnant and post-partum women.



ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE

- Passed the CT Clean Air Act to increase electric vehicle adoption, transition to electric school buses, and make it easier for renters to install electric chargers. The bill I introduced to provide rebates for electric bikes was included in final passage of the Clean Air Act.
- Expanded financing to build more solar power and reinforce our electric grid against the effects of climate change.



ADVANCING EQUITY

- Introduced and passed a bill to provide free menstrual products in our schools, universities, shelters and prisons. I was inspired to pursue this legislation due to many students, including Conard High School's own student club.
- Passed a state budget that expanded funding for bilingual education and minority teacher recruitment.
- Established June 19th as Juneteenth Independence Day.