

Dear Neighbor,

Last spring, summer, and fall, I walked our neighborhoods and heard directly from you and your loved ones about the very real challenges facing Connecticut. Together, we discussed skyrocketing electric bills, shortfalls in early childhood and special education, dangerous roadways, and escalating pressures on working and middle class families like ours.

So, in January, I once again went to work for you to find real solutions. As vice chair of the Judiciary Committee, I spearheaded 15 bills, 12 of which became law. I went to work for our small businesses, municipalities, and taxpayers to resolve a sudden, multi-million dollar spike in insurance costs. I went to work for our officers, passing a bill that will help towns crack down on illegal street takeovers. I went to work for our ratepayers, supporting principled regulation and co-sponsoring legislation intended to enhance electric supply and cut public benefits by \$750 million over five years.

All of these solutions were bipartisan efforts. As Washington continues to sow division and uncertainty, Connecticut continues to turn tough conversations into positive change. As we continue building progress, I remain forever proud to be your voice in Hartford.

Your Neighbor,



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**FROM STATE REPRESENTATIVE
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LOWERING YOUR ELECTRIC BILL

My top priority this session was to help lower our electric bills by offsetting public benefits and creating a more reliable electric supply, our two largest cost-drivers. This year, I joined a bipartisan coalition of legislators in co-sponsoring AAC Energy Affordability, Access, and Accountability (SB 4), a flagship utilities bill that will remove \$750 million in public benefits from our electric bills in the next five years. This, along with phasing out other burdensome public benefits, will provide much-needed relief to ratepayers in the coming years. But the most significant cost on many electric bills is one that is often overlooked: our electric supply. SB 4 helps address Connecticut's supply shortfalls by incentivizing development in nuclear, geothermal, and other alternative, clean energy sources. Finally, we made meaningful investments in Connecticut's utilities infrastructure so that our grid can meet the needs of our digital world. We made good first steps this year, and we need to continue the momentum on all fronts next year.



FUNDING OUR DISTRICT

\$9.7 MILLION IN FUNDING FOR BERLIN:

Berlin secured much-needed state dollars for conservation land and capital projects. Notably, we received a \$1 million STEAP grant to re-roof and rehabilitate the Berlin Peck Memorial Library, as well as a \$61,750 Open Space Land Acquisition Grant to expand and connect the Blue Hills Conservation Area to the Metacomet Trail.

\$15 MILLION IN FUNDING FOR CHESHIRE:

This year, Cheshire's funding wins featured valuable investments in our parks, roads, and schools. Some of our highlights included a \$1 million STEAP grant for renewing Mixville Park, a \$9 million investment in Cheshire schools from ECS funds, and \$530,000 in DOT funding for road repairs. Finally, the town plans to purchase 70 acres of open space thanks to state land acquisition grants.

\$93 MILLION IN FUNDING FOR MERIDEN:

Meriden continues to leverage important state partnerships to develop our city, support our students, and enhance our quality of life. Thanks to \$1.9 million in Community Investment Funding dollars, we will break ground on projects that will improve Columbus Park and the Linear Trails. We also received an additional \$250,000 grant to renovate the Meriden Health Department. Finally, we saw big increases in ECS Funding for our schools, totaling \$83 million, up \$4 million from last year!

KEEPING OUR STREETS SAFE

Our district is home to some of the busiest and most dangerous roadways in Connecticut. As a leader on the Judiciary Committee, I championed PA 25-80, which empowers our municipalities in penalizing illegal street takeovers, removing illegally-used ATVs and dirt bikes from the street, and enhancing fines for repeat street takeover offenders. I also co-sponsored another Judiciary initiative, PA 25-19, an overwhelmingly bipartisan bill that enhances fines and establishes a temporary vehicle impoundment period for motorists driving faster than 100 mph. This law now also allows law enforcement officers to stop a driver if they observe and smell active cannabis consumption (currently a Class C misdemeanor).

CREATING A BUSINESS-FRIENDLY CONNECTICUT

This session, I negotiated, wrote, and led passage of the most significant workers' compensation reform in 30 years, preventing a 235% increase in insurance premiums for private and public employers alike. The top priority for our business community and municipalities, this fix saved our taxpayers close to \$100 million in unanticipated costs, including about \$1.2 million for Meriden, while still safeguarding our most vulnerable workers. Additionally, I led the first-ever passage of new Article 12 of the Connecticut Uniform Commercial Code, which will streamline billions of dollars in secured commercial transactions in the coming years.

