



Standing Up for Local Farms & Open Space

- Doubled the local property tax exemption for farm machinery.
- Added new conservation grants and preserved working farmland - protecting our region's rural character for future generations.

Let's Keep Working Together!

My door is open. Please reach out any time with ideas, questions, or ways I can help. I look forward to seeing you around Ellington, East Windsor, and Vernon this fall.

Best Regards,

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STRONGER SCHOOLS & FAMILIES

- Made the largest state investment in special education in a generation - more funding to help keep kids learning closer to home.
- Laid the groundwork for an Early Childhood Education Endowment so every family can access affordable, quality childcare - with families earning up to \$100,000 receiving care for free, and caps on costs for families earning more than \$100,000.
- Created new grants for high-dosage tutoring, help to fight chronic absenteeism, and more support for kids to succeed.
- Delivered a \$250 tax credit for working families through the Earned Income Tax Credit

PUBLIC SAFETY: KEEPING COMMUNITIES SAFE

- Expanded our Fallen Officer Fund to help families of firefighters, EMTs and paramedics killed in the line of duty.
- Toughened penalties for reckless driving and illegal street racing - giving towns the tools to stop dangerous street takeovers.
- Strengthened protections for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault - safeguarding privacy, GPS data, and shelter locations.
- Launched a new working group to review benefits, support, and protections for first responders - including dispatchers and DPW staff - to ensure all who keep our communities running have fair access to the resources they need.

AFFORDABILITY & COST OF LIVING RELIEF

- Passed comprehensive energy reforms to lower electric bills and cap hidden fees - saving families hundreds of millions of dollars in the coming years.
- Protected consumers from surprise subscription renewals, hidden fees, and predatory payday apps.
- Created tax credits for families saving for college, for local childcare providers, and for farm investments.
- Increased state funding for school renovations, special education spaces, and indoor air quality upgrades.
- Protected education funding - making sure our towns won't see cuts.
- Expanded grant access for local economic development, clean energy, and safe housing.
- Secured new tools for towns to plan for resilient infrastructure and smart growth.



SERVING THOSE WHO SERVED - AS YOUR NEW CHAIR OF VETERANS & MILITARY AFFAIRS

- Protected military pensions from counting against Medicaid and other supports.
- Prioritized veterans for small business loans and job creation programs.
- Waived hidden college fees and continued National Guard enlistment incentives.
- Created town options to expand property tax relief options for veterans, Gold Star families, and include more land.
- Added six new Veterans' Service Officers to tackle backlogs of veteran's benefits
- Recognized November as Veterans Month and June 12th as Women Veterans Day - plus offer new license plates honoring women veterans, and the Boriqueneers.
- Protected educational stability for military kids when families move.
- Commissioned new studies to modernize local veterans' services and benefits for the future.

