# REP. FOSTER: PRIORITIES FOR THE 2022 SESSION



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Dear Neighbor,

I'm honored to serve as your State Representative, and I am looking forward to the upcoming 2022 session starting in February. I wanted to take the time to share with you what I am hoping to concentrate in the 2022 legislative session.

Last session my areas of focus included advocating for seniors and children in our district, promoting public health, fighting for farmers, and bringing much needed relief to our neighbors with crumbling foundations. With your feedback, I am excited to continue to work on these issues in addition to expanding access to clean drinking water for our district and lowering prescription drug prices.

I want to thank everyone who reached out to me during 2021 with your concerns and opinions about legislation. I listened to your concerns, and that helped me frame my approach for this upcoming session. If you have questions on any of these items, or I can be of help to you, please reach out anytime.



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# **PLANNING FOR 2022**

#### FIGHTING FOR OUR CHILDREN:

The pandemic has exacerbated concerns related to children's wellbeing and mental health. In November, I hosted a live discussion on children's mental health, trauma-informed schools and recommendations for CT policy and programming in the future. I plan on using what I learned in that discussion and more to better support our children in this upcoming year and beyond.

#### **PUTTING YOUR HEALTH FIRST:**

Many of you have reached out to my office concerning well water contamination. In December, I met with key stakeholders to establish the groundwork for regional collaboration for Build Back Better and American Rescue Plan Act money to be used to tackle this issue. I will continue to pursue meaningful solutions to well water contamination this upcoming session.

### **SUPPORTING OUR FARMERS:**

In October, I hosted a virtual discussion with a group of agricultural leaders on crop loss and disaster assistance. I am looking forward to finding more ways to support our farmers.



I want to hear from you! Please call or email me with questions or concerns at any time:

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#### **ADVOCATING FOR SENIORS:**

This legislative session we passed many meaningful laws to support seniors. We made bus drivers mandated reporters, barred auto-renewal electric plans that prey on seniors and the disabled, created a senior fraud prevention task force and passed a variety of laws designed to protect seniors in their most vulnerable times in long term care facilities and with companions and homemakers.

#### A VOICE FOR THE CONSUMER:

Last session we worked to lower prescription drug costs by requiring manufacturing discounts go to the consumer and not the insurance company. For this 2022 session, I hope to support more legislation to keep your prescription prices low.

