

STATE REPRESENTATIVE
DAN FOX
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Dear Friend,

This year's legislative session has concluded and with it the passage of new legislation that will shape our state for years to come. The headline from the session is the passage of a bipartisan budget that funds transportation infrastructure, restores cuts to education and restores funding for the Medicare Savings Plan – all without raising taxes.

We worked on policies that support small businesses, workforce development and making our state a place that we can proudly raise our families. I am committed to fighting for you to build a bright future for Connecticut and our community.

I hope you find the enclosed information helpful. Please don't hesitate to reach out to my office if I can be of service to you or your family. It is such an honor to serve our community.

Sincerely,



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BIPARTISAN BUDGET

For the second time in just over six months, the General Assembly has approved a bipartisan state budget. State education funding to Stamford schools (under the Education Cost Sharing formula) increased from \$10,553,759 to \$11,252,502 in the coming fiscal year – an increase of more than \$698,743 over last year. Key components of the budget agreement include:

- No income, sales or other state tax increases
- Increases State Aid for Education over 2018 levels
- Restores funding to Medicare Savings Program that helps low-income elderly individuals and the disabled pay for the cost of medicine and health care premiums
- Restores partial funding to the Energy Efficiency Fund, juvenile justice programs and developmental services
- Maintains reserves in the “Rainy Day” Fund at the highest level in over a decade

The bipartisan budget also restores solvency to the Special Transportation Fund (STF). The budget allows the state to avoid cuts to mass transit, any fare increases and keeps all of our transportation projects on track.

INVESTING IN STAMFORD’S TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

This bill creates a Transportation Center Improvement District in the City of Stamford to allow this new district to authorize bonds to be used on public infrastructure projects such as sewers, water lines, road improvements, project development and redevelopment, capital costs, remediation and other infrastructure needs. This district will be located near the Stamford Transportation Center.

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Estoy comprometido a luchar por usted y a construir un Connecticut sólido para generaciones futuras. Yo espero que usted encuentre útil la información incluida. Nuestro futuro es más fuerte cuando trabajamos unidos, así que no dude en contactar mi oficina al 860-240-1372 si en algún momento puedo ser de ayuda para usted o para su familia. Es un placer y honor servirle como su representante estatal.

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PROTECTING CONSUMERS

In response to multiple recent data breaches at companies like Equifax, I worked with my colleagues to pass legislation to protect the consumer. Companies can no longer charge a fee for placing or removing a security freeze on a credit report and consumers will now get two free years of credit monitoring after a data breach.

REDUCING PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS

Recognizing that prescription drug prices are the number one driver of rising healthcare costs, we passed legislation to hold pharmaceutical companies accountable by increasing transparency and requiring them to explain large price increases for drugs that have a substantial cost to the state. Additionally, insurance companies must now submit information about which drugs are most frequently prescribed and which are provided at the greatest cost. By collecting more data and holding drug companies accountable, we can get closer to lowering drug costs for Connecticut residents.

PROTECTING STATE PROPERTY

It is imperative that Connecticut protects our open spaces and environmental property from being transferred for other uses. I supported legislation that takes the first step to do so. Under this proposed amendment to the State Constitution, no land can be conveyed from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection or the Department of Agriculture without a vote of two-thirds of the legislature. This, along with the requirement that a public hearing be held on other transfers, will prevent a transfer of this valuable land to anyone outside of Connecticut’s ownership. This proposed constitutional amendment will now appear on this November’s election ballot.

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“the Rainy Day Fund has exploded to the highest level in state history”