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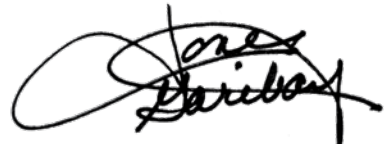
Dear Neighbor,

The past year has been incredibly difficult for our community and state. The COVID-19 virus and its aftermath has been incredibly destructive for so many in our area. Throughout the 2021 legislative session, my colleagues and I worked to address these new challenges as well as existing injustices by passing over 350 bills and resolutions.

As we continue to build our post-pandemic society, I have been laser-focused on making sure that the General Assembly does everything within its power to help uplift those who have struggled most during this once-in-a-lifetime public health crisis. I am proud to say that we accomplished that and much more over the last several months. This session I advocated for equitable public health policies, increased access to mental health resources, as well as support for our small businesses and downtown communities. I also worked with my colleagues to pass a bipartisan budget that will strengthen our economy, invest in infrastructure, bolster our public education, and increase funding to Windsor and Windsor Locks for both upcoming fiscal years. I am confident that the work we have done will help usher in better days for all residents of our state.

Please continue reading for more information on legislative highlights and resources developed this session that will benefit your family, our district, and our state.

Best,



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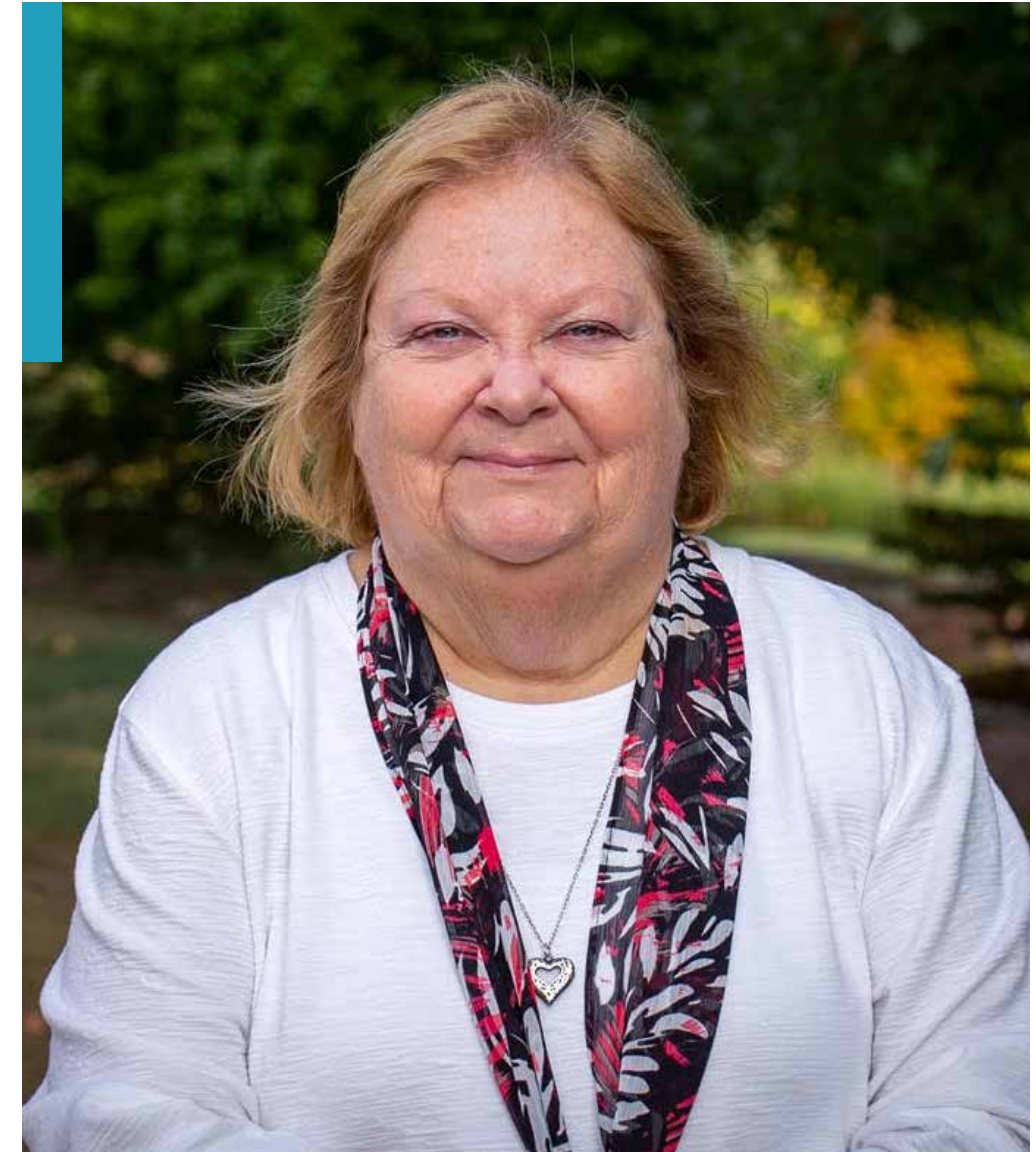
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GROWING OUR ECONOMY

- Cut red tape and made outdoor dining a permanent option for bars and restaurants (SB 1202)
- Created a tax-free week for restaurants (SB 1202)
- Expanded the hemp industry in CT through licensed medical marijuana providers (PA 21-37)
- Ensured fair reimbursements to mom and pop outdoor equipment dealers that perform warranty maintenance (SB 264)
- Approved self-pour beer and wine machines at CT bars (PA 21-50)
- Cut permit costs for nonprofit and private clubs, like the Army Navy Club and VFW (PA 21-10)
- Led The Main Street Working Group as we proposed ways to grow and redevelop our older and unused properties (HB 6606)

BETTER HEALTHCARE ACCESS

- Continued coverage for, and access to, telehealth (HB 6470 & PA 21-9)
- Expanded worker's compensation benefits for PTSD to cover emergency responders, corrections workers, dispatchers and health care providers who were on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic (SB 660)
- Provided new health care coverage to 40,000 qualifying residents and families regardless of their immigration status (SB 1202 & HB 6687)
- Provided better and more comprehensive training and tools for police to respond to opioid overdoses (HB 1011)
- Improved mental health first aid training for paramedics so that we can more effectively diffuse difficult situations (SB 102)
- Put community violence prevention programs on a path to sustainable funding and growth in our state to serve more victims of gun violence and their families (PA 21-36)

RESPONDING TO COVID-19

- Cut Unemployment Insurance taxes on local businesses by excluding pandemic-related layoffs and paying directly into the fund (PA 21-5 & SB 1202)
- Strengthened numerous programs designed to keep people from losing their homes during tough times: Foreclosure Mediation, Lien Assistance and Emergency Mortgage Assistance (SB 891)
- Ensured legal representation if you're facing eviction (PA 21-34)
- Increased funding to local health departments (SB 1202)
- Increased protections on homes, cars and bank accounts when someone falls into debt (HB 6466)
- Created an Unemployed Workers' Advocate to assist out-of-work residents with accessing benefits and getting back to work



TOWN BUDGET SUMMARY

	FY 22	FY 23
Local Capital Improvement Project		
Windsor	\$180,135	\$180,135
Windsor Locks	\$80,547	\$80,547
Town Aid Road		
Windsor	\$402,335	\$402,335
Windsor Locks	\$266,790	\$266,790
Grants For Municipal Projects		
Windsor	\$2,075,052	\$2,075,052
Windsor Locks	\$2,784,595	\$2,784,595
Education Cost Sharing (ECS)		
Windsor	\$12,130,392	\$12,130,392
Windsor Locks	\$5,225,299	\$5,225,299
Total State Funds To Town		
Windsor	\$15,293,486	\$15,293,867
Windsor Locks	\$9,035,392	\$9,035,512

A STRONGER DEMOCRACY

- Allowed voters to decide through upcoming ballot questions if we should have early, in-person voting and if every registered voter in CT should be able to vote by absentee ballot (RA 21-1 and RA 21-2)
- Restored voting rights for individuals in community facilities or on parole (SB 1202)
- Guaranteed two hours off from work to vote in state and federal elections (SB 1202)
- Paved the way for permanent drop boxes for absentee ballots (SB 1202)
- Protected voters' personal information (SB 1202)



Rallying for the "Bottle Bill"

I was honored to speak in favor of and advocate for the long overdue bottle redemption increase. This law will put money back into the pockets of hard-working residents and help prevent litter from contaminating our streets and drainage systems.



Signing the "PFAS Bill" into Law

When PFAS from Bradley contaminated the Farmington River a few years ago, it devastated our community and local wildlife. This past July, I was proud to stand with fearless environmental advocates and legislative leaders as Governor Lamont signed SB 837 into law.



Making Our Communities Safer

We made outstanding progress this session on addressing gun violence in our state. Public Act 21-67 will block court-determined high-risk individuals from obtaining a gun, while Public Act 21-36 provides more sustainable funding to community violence prevention programs.

DELIVERING JUSTICE FOR ALL

- Ended the practice of charging prisoners to use the phone (PA 21-54)
- Continued our fight against the inhumane practice of solitary confinement (SB 1059)
- Banned no-knock warrants (SB 1093)
- Approved better rates on student loans for teachers in Alliance Districts so that all of our students can have more equal educational opportunities (HB 5610)