

STATE REPRESENTATIVE
BOBBY GIBSON
BLOOMFIELD & WINDSOR

Dear Neighbor,

The pandemic has produced numerous challenges and exacerbated existing institutional inequities. Throughout the 2021 session, my colleagues and I worked to address these new challenges and the existing injustices by passing over 350 bills and resolutions.

I know the past year has been difficult for each individual and family in our community, and I believe the legislation passed in Hartford will empower everyone in our district. This session I advocated for equitable public health policies, increased access to mental health resources, and additional support for our seniors, schools, and small businesses. I also worked with my colleagues to pass a bipartisan budget that will strengthen our economy and invest in our infrastructure, sustainability efforts, and education. I have fought to ensure Bloomfield & Windsor will see an increase in funding in both Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023 through this budget. I am confident that these state investments will see our community recover and thrive as we move out of this pandemic.

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,



State Representative Bobby Gibson

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SUPPORTING BLOOMFIELD & WINDSOR YOUTH

Education

I championed An Act Concerning Farm to School Programs to develop farm-to-school programs that will sustain relationships with local farmers and producers, enrich the educational experience of students, improve the health of Connecticut children and enhance Connecticut's agricultural economy.

I fought for districts to receive private funds to train staff on how to best teach Black and Latino studies and we also directed the State Board of Education to develop a model curriculum that will include grades K-8.

Expand Access to Childcare

We expanded the allowable activities under the Care4Kids program to include; public or independent institutions of higher education, private occupational schools, Even Start, and adult education programs. In a time when we are trying to get Connecticut back to work, this cannot be accomplished without providing parents access to affordable childcare opportunities.

Online Harassment

To combat online harassment, including that motivated by hate, by (1) extending the crime of stalking in the first degree to specifically include certain hate-based motivations, (2) extending the crime of second-degree stalking to include certain electronic disclosures of personal identifiable information without consent and establishing a civil action for victims of such crime, and (3) extending the crime of second-degree harassment to include more electronic forms of communication.

Baby Bonds Program

The Baby Bonds Program would ensure that each child in the state has a level of financial security as they transition into adulthood. The general statutes will be amended to establish a baby bonds program, in which each child born in the state is given two-thousand-five-hundred-dollars at birth to which one thousand dollars is added each year, and which is held in a trust by the state until the child reaches eighteen years of age.



Press conference with Treasurer Shawn Wooden regarding Baby Bonds Bill

MAJOR STATE FUNDING FOR BLOOMFIELD & WINDSOR

BLOOMFIELD	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23
General Government Funding	\$123,777	\$504,597	\$504,597
Education Funding	\$6,700,683	\$6,864,465	\$7,028,246
Total State Funding	\$7,233,898	\$7,780,789	\$7,944,711

WINDSOR	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23
General Government Funding	\$27,298	\$75,493	\$75,493
Education Funding	\$12,130,392	\$12,130,392	\$12,130,392
Total State Funding	\$12,584,490	\$12,635,964	\$12,636,345

Every year, I work to bring home additional state aid for our community to help reduce the burden on property taxes and make sure we are supporting our schools, firefighters, and other important town services.



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WE MADE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES

Community Investment

As Vice-Chair of the Black and Puerto Rican Caucus I fought for the community investment plan which will provide \$1.8 billion for communities like my district to receive funding for capital improvements and non-profits for:

- Better housing
- Renovated town facilities and infrastructure
- Clean energy projects
- Small business support
- Advancing equity in our community

STANDING UP FOR SENIORS

Long Term Care Facilities

We made these changes to the long term care resident's bill of rights:

- Added the right of residents to treat their living quarters as their own homes
- Allowed nursing home residents to use technology of their choice for virtual monitoring and visitation
- Require nursing homes to provide residents with free internet for virtual monitoring and virtual visitation