

#### Dear Neighbor,

This newsletter is packed full of information from the 2022 legislative session.

I'm proud to report that we approved a state budget adjustment that ensures we live within our means and cuts taxes by hundreds-of-millions-of-dollars.

I know that there is lots of information to digest in these few pages, so please reach out with any questions.

It is my pleasure to serve as your state representative.

All my best,

#### **2022 SESSION HIGHLIGHTS**

- Addressing Children's Mental Health Needs
- Cutting Taxes to Combat Historic Inflation
- Keeping CT Safe with Juvenile Justice Reform
- Bolstering Reproductive Freedoms
- Creating Environmentally Conscious Initiatives
- Maintaining CT's Future Fiscal Integrity



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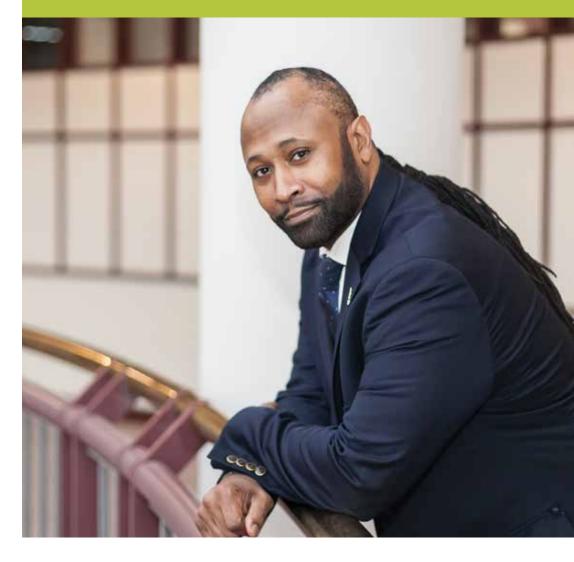
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### OUR STATE BUDGET INCLUDES \$650 MILLION **IN TAX RELIEF**

- Creates a Child Tax Credit
- Cuts property taxes for retirees
- Cuts the car tax
- Extends the gas tax cut
- Extends free bus service
- Ends pension and annuity tax
  - Invests in healthcare workers

#### **SERVING THOSE WHO SERVE US**

- Guaranteed CT veterans in-state tuition rates
- Adopted higher fire department equipment standards, collecting better data on the prevalence of cancer among firefighters, and secured more local funding for firefighters who leave service with a cancer diagnosis
- Extended employment protections to police officers that seek and receive mental health care services

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES**

- Expanded state farmland restoration programming to include climate-smart farming and forestry practices
- Established a goal of reaching zero greenhouse gas emissions from electricity supplied to you by 2040
- Expanded financing to develop zero emission vehicle infrastructure, build more solar power and fuel cells, and reinforce our electric grid against the effects of climate change

#### **MAKING CT MORE EQUITABLE**

June 19th was established as Juneteenth Independence Day. This new state holiday will forever celebrate the independence of African Americans freed from slavery.











#### **RESPONDING TO THE CHILDREN'S** MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS

• Provided grants to local schools to hire more support staff, with an emphasis on mental health: social workers, psychologists, and counselors

• Funded the expansions of school-based health centers and the services they provide

#### **SENIOR NEWS! DID YOU KNOW WE:**

• Allowed pharmacists, in collaboration with your doctor, to adjust more medications without requiring as many in-person visits

Continued telehealth options

• Eliminated pension and annuity taxes for retirees making less than \$75k/year

• Increased state income tax credit for property owners from \$200 to \$300