



Conferring With Colleague Representative Ken Gucker

Dear Neighbor,

What a successful year!

In spite of the short time available to enact bills, only 12 weeks, the General Assembly passed legislation for working families like yours and our neighbors

We cut taxes, a lot. We dealt with crime and empowered police to better protect us through better training. We are fighting climate change through various initiatives.

This special report outlines these issues, and the state funding I brought back to Danbury.

They aren't the only issues we covered. We also protected our senior citizens, veterans, women's reproductive rights, and enhanced education and employment opportunities. If you're interested in any of these issues, let me know, and I'll send you more information.

As always your concerns, problems, and opinions are important for me. Don't hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,



STATE REPRESENTATIVE
BOB GODFREY

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BRINGING YOUR TAX \$\$\$ HOME

Education Cost Sharing (ECS).....	\$42,726,791
Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT).....	\$5,441,003
Grants For Municipal Projects.....	\$3,027,544
Town Aid Road.....	\$876,501
Local Capital Improvement Project	\$560,671
Special Non-Profit Funding:	
Danbury Youth Services	\$75,000
Women's Employment Program.....	\$25,000
Total State Funds to Danbury	\$52,732,510
Danbury Academy*.....	\$123,200,000

*This is 80% of the funding for the Danbury Career Academy (more than the usual 50%) brought home by the Danbury delegation. Thank you for voting 'YES' on June 7th for the remaining 20% and upgrades to other overcrowded schools.

GROWING OUR ECONOMY

- Paid family and medical leave went into effect this year
- We raised the minimum wage to \$14/hour starting July 1st of this year
- Expanded the debt-free community college (like Naugatuck Valley) program to more first-time, part-time students
- Established student loan reimbursement program for in demand health care and mental health workers
- Established the JobsCT program to help employers who meet job creation targets to earn rebates against insurance premiums and state taxes
- Expanded the successful Manufacturing Pipeline program

I VOTED TO CUT YOUR TAXES

OUR STATE BUDGET INCLUDES

\$650 MILLION IN TAX RELIEF

- ✔ Increased the Property Tax Credit from \$200 to \$300
- ✔ Created a Child Tax Credit
- ✔ Cuts property taxes for retirees
- ✔ Ends income taxes on pension and annuity
- ✔ No gas tax through November
- ✔ Bus service, including HART, is free
- ✔ Lowered business tax rates for unemployment insurance



MAKING OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SAFER

- Funded task forces to address gun violence and auto thefts
- Toughened penalties for vehicle theft
- Stricter regulation of catalytic converter sales to cut theft
- Expanded hands-on training for our police officers
- Expanded the use of GPS monitoring
- Dealt with juvenile crime by investing in Youth Service Bureaus, work opportunities, and alternatives to incarceration
- Increased training and education of sexual abuse identification and prevention
- Made victims of domestic violence a protected class
- Addressed laboratory and case backlogs
- Took steps to make online dating safer



Danbury's House delegation: Representatives David Arconti, Ken Gucker, Bob Godfrey, Pat Calahan, Raghiv Allie-Brennan, and Steve Harding

PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

- Set 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
- Expanded eligibility for participation in the state's brownfield remediation program to include companies who lease a property with an intent to own. This will expand our efforts to help cities and towns address their brownfields
- Created new incentives for consumer and commercial electric vehicles
- Exempted electric charging stations from property tax assessments