REP. GODFREY: FIGHTING FOR THE CONSUMER



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Dear Neighbor,

I hope you and your loved ones are healthy and safe. As our state and country deal with the economic implications of the ongoing pandemic, strong consumer protection laws are an important and necessary defense against corporate overreach. That is why one of my top priorities during this year's General Assembly session was passing legislation that makes Connecticut a leader when it comes to protecting your privacy and consumer habits. I am happy to report that we passed a number of groundbreaking initiatives that will not only protect your privacy online, but also ensure that companies cannot profit from uncontrollable personal situations. These laws are a big step in the right direction for the residents of Danbury, and I promise to continue fighting for your rights and privacy as a consumer.

Sincerely,

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CONSUMER SAFETY REFORMS FOR ALL DANBURY RESIDENTS

HERE ARE NEW LAWS PROTECTING YOU:

- Secured new utility protections for residential customers that ban cancellation fees by electric companies and unpredictable variable rates (PA 21-117)
- Lowered prescription drug costs by requiring manufacturing discounts go to the consumer and not the insurance company (PA 21-14)
- Required insurance companies to provide a clear explanation of what they actually cover (PA 21-22)
- Banned insurance companies from denying travel insurance if a relative or companion dies by suicide (PA 21-47)
- Strengthened contracting standards for home improvements (PA 21-37, PA 21-197)
- Required most businesses to accept cash (PA 21-60)
- Required more companies to protect your personal data (PA 21-59) and kept genetic test results out of the hands of insurance companies (PA 21-137)
- Strengthened our laws on cyber security and identity and data theft (PA 21-59 & PA 21-119)

- Expanded the state's energy conservation board to include representation from low-income towns (PA 21-139)
- Approved better clean-up procedures and notifications when there's a sewage spill (PA 21-42)
- Banned the charging of extra graduation fees at CT colleges and universities (PA 21-132)



Above: Bob speaks with Speaker Matt Ritter & fellow Deputy Speaker Michelle Cook

