

A BALANCED, RESPONSIBLE BUDGET

- Maxed out contributions to the Rainy Day Fund
- Made \$1.375 billion in early payments to lower our long-term pension debt
- Increased pay to childcare workers to attract and retain more educators
- Expanded the successful Birth to Three Program
- Made direct investments in community nonprofits
- Invested in tobacco prevention and cessation and lead poisoning prevention
- Funded a robust contracting standards board for more accountability
- Invested in Youth Service Bureaus and Juvenile Review Boards
- Increased the state income tax credit for many property owners from \$200 to \$300
- Increased the Earned Income Tax Credit
- Eliminated taxes on pension and annuity for retirees making less than \$75,000 per year
- Established a one-time childcare rebate of \$250 per child, up to three children
- Suspended the state gas tax through December 1, 2022



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FROM STATE REPRESENTATIVE
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Dear Neighbor,

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

I'm proud to report that we approved a state budget that makes responsible investments and helps lower- and middle-income families make ends meet.

More information is available on my website, including links to reports on legislation affecting various issues.

It is my honor to serve as your state representative.

All my best,

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2022 SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

SUPPORTING CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH

- Provided grants to local schools to hire more support staff, including in the areas of mental health: social workers, psychologists, and counselors
- Funded the expansions of school-based health centers and the services they provide
- Expanded 24/7 emergency mental health response

MAKING CT MORE EQUITABLE

- Increased health care coverage to undocumented immigrants, up to age 12
- Created a Hate Crimes Investigation Unit within the State Police and improved data collection, reporting, and information sharing between departments
- Established June 19th as Juneteenth Independence Day to celebrate the independence of African Americans freed from slavery

WORKING FOR MANSFIELD

OUR STATE BUDGET INCLUDES

\$4.7 MILLION IN ADDITIONAL PILOT AID

- ✓ Reformed the state's Payments in Lieu of Taxes program to increase Mansfield's grant by \$4.7 million annually. This helps to pay for local services and our great public schools.
- ✓ Secured \$834,000 for much needed improvements to Mansfield's Old Town Hall and Office Building. Currently occupied by the Mansfield Historical Society, the building's receipt of this grant will ensure that these historic buildings will continue to serve future generations.
- ✓ Collaborating with local town leaders and the Department of Transportation to make critically important pedestrian safety improvements along South Eagleville Road and Storrs Road.
- ✓ Acted to ensure that UConn respects the authority of local boards and commissions to determine appropriate development decisions for our town.



HELPING RESIDENTS LAND GOOD-PAYING, HIGH-DEMAND JOBS

- Expanded the debt-free community college program to many first-time, part-time students
- Expanded successful Manufacturing Pipeline program
- Allowed high school graduates to access low-interest loans for attending occupational training programs
- Established student loan reimbursement program for in-demand health care and mental health workers



FIGHTING CLIMATE CHANGE AND PROTECTING CT'S ENVIRONMENT

- Expanded state farmland restoration programming to include climate-smart farming and forestry practices
- 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