

Good News for Mansfield

The Value of Our Budget

The budget passed by the state legislature in June will directly benefit Mansfield residents and business owners:

- We rejected the Governor's proposal to shift teacher pension costs to the towns and local property taxpayers.
- We repealed the Business Entity tax. This will help small businesses and encourage start-ups.
- We expanded the Angel Investor tax credit to small businesses, minority and women-owned businesses, and more industries.
- We rejected many of the Governor's proposed sales tax expansions on items such as groceries, non-prescription drugs, and legal and accounting services.

Lastly, the phase-in of the income tax exemption for Social Security and pension income will continue as planned, helping our seniors retire comfortably here in Connecticut.

I hope you find the information on this card helpful. If you have any questions or comments, please call my office.

Sincerely,



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How the Budget Impacts Mansfield

I am proud to fight for priorities that are important to Mansfield during each budget cycle, and I believe our town will be better off with these changes.

Providing Relief from Cost of State Trooper Program

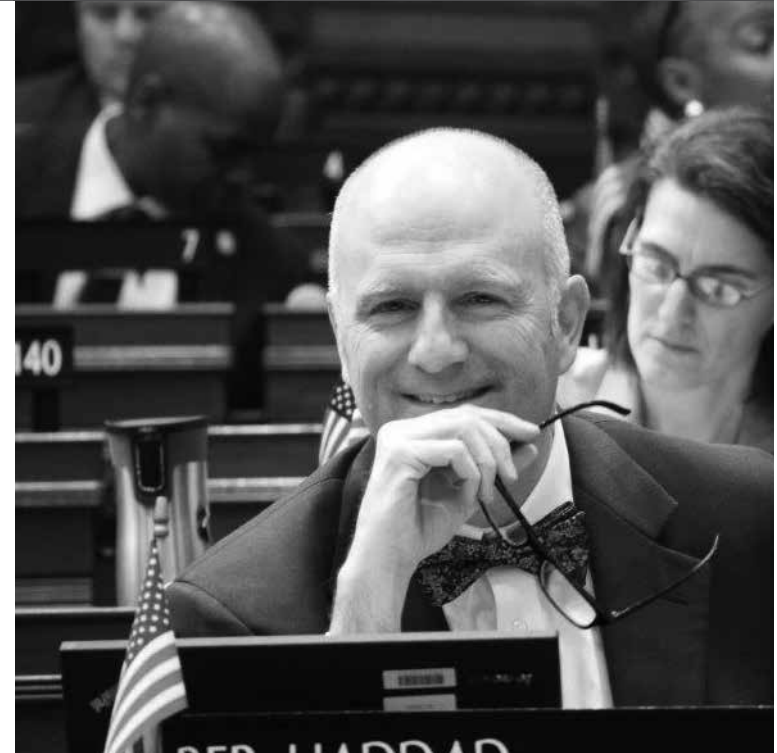
Instead of charging towns for the full amount, the state will now cover half of the retirement rate associated with unfunded pension liability for Resident State Troopers. Mansfield employs 8 Resident State Troopers and it's estimated that this change will save our town \$200,000 per year.

Helping Natchaug Hospital

The legislature corrected an unfair Medicaid reimbursement policy that has cost Natchaug Hospital millions of dollars over the years. Mansfield is the host community to Natchaug and with this important improvement, the hospital will be able to better deliver quality care to our region's residents.

Supporting Higher Education

UConn, ECSU and our local community colleges were all supported by the choices made by the legislature in our adopted budget. Operating fund support for these universities and colleges will increase by over \$20 million to help shield students from extraordinary increases in tuition and fees.



Preparing for debate on the floor of the House.