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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The 2018 General Assembly session will conclude on May 9th, and even though it is a “short” session year for the Legislature, there is a lot we have been trying to accomplish.

Our agenda this year has been aimed at supporting the middle class; creating economic opportunities for everyone; increasing access to education; protecting health care rights in general and women’s health care in particular; supporting our hospitals; and ensuring the right to vote and participation in the democratic process. These are lofty goals that I have been supporting, and will continue to support becoming law so Connecticut can move forward.

As always, I welcome your input. Please share your thoughts, suggestions and concerns by emailing me at Joshua.Hall@cga.ct.gov or calling my office at 860-240-8373

It is my honor to serve the people of the 7th House District.

Sincerely,

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Supporting Middle-Class Families And Creating Economic Opportunities For Everyone



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EARNED FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE

Working families should not have to face the prospect of economic ruin when presented with serious family needs such as caring for a newborn, a spouse, or their parents. The inability of employees to take paid time off to care for loved ones or themselves can leave them with no choice but to abandon family members in their time of need, or to neglect their own health.

Because it is so necessary and beneficial to our modern workforce, my colleagues and I will ***work with employees and employers to fight for sensible earned family medical leave legislation.***

PAY EQUITY

It is well past time that Connecticut ensures that women are paid the wages they deserve. Connecticut women working full time are paid 83 cents for every dollar paid to men working full time. The pay gap is even greater for African-American and Latina women. I believe that it is time to eliminate the wage gap and ***ensure pay equity for women*** and did not compromise on this vital issue. My colleagues and I in the House passed the Pay Equity bill overwhelmingly.

A LIVABLE WAGE

For parents trying to make ends meet, for single moms working two or three jobs just to provide basic necessities for their children, there may be no more important, pressing issue than the stability of knowing they will have a full day of work and earning a fair, adequate and 'livable' wage. I simply cannot turn my back on Connecticut residents earning low wages. Our state has seen large corporations like Aetna, Cigna, Wells Fargo and Target raise minimum wages company-wide but the rest of Connecticut needs to catch up.

Because I value the hard work, time and labor of Connecticut's residents, I will ***fight for a livable wage.***



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OVERHAUL OF OUR WORKFORCE PIPELINE

An unprecedented investment in our technical high schools, apprenticeship programs, and community colleges has been proposed. The plan includes a partnership with the business community and manufacturers; legislation to create responsive school curriculum; and new technical high schools. Together, these tools will ***enhance the workforce-to-industry pipeline*** to ensure students have the necessary skills to meet Connecticut's growing workforce needs.

OUR ROADS, BRIDGES, RAIL AND BUSES

When Connecticut invests in our roads, bridges, rail and buses, it is investing in the economy and job growth. Connecticut is in an economic competition against New York, New Jersey and Massachusetts and in order to win we need a modern, reliable and safe transportation system. Our transportation infrastructure has undergone great improvements recently, but there is more work to be done. We need to not only rebuild what we have but ***envision transportation for the next generation that focuses on transit-oriented development*** to attract millennials to our cities.

REBUILDING OUR INFRASTRUCTURE

We need to rebuild our transportation network so people can get to work and businesses can grow. In order to meet our transportation infrastructure needs and have out-of-state drivers help pay for our roads, the House and Senate leaders have committed to ***holding a vote to implement an electronic tolling system.***

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