

Dear Neighbor,

I am proud to share some historic highlights from the 2022 legislative session.

Historic like more than \$650 million in tax cuts. Historic like our investment in the mental health of our children. Historic like our commitment to growing jobs and our economy. Historic like a state budget that pays off millions in pension debt and continues our record rainy day fund while investing in Easton, Weston, and Redding, schools, mental health, public safety and programs that work - all while honoring the spending cap.

That's not to say we aren't facing challenges. We are seeing inflation that hits everyone's wallets and housing prices that are pricing many out of even modest homes. That's why I fought hard to provide you with relief: increasing the property tax credit, phasing out taxes on retirement income, creating a childcare rebate, cutting the gas tax and more.

I hope you find this newsletter packed with useful information. It is my pleasure to serve as your state representative.

All my best,

## STANDING UP FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT

- Created a public health reporting system for homeowners who have an abundance of salt in their drinking water
- 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



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# STATE REPRESENTATIVE ANNE HUGHES CAPITOL UPDATE 2022

## 2022 SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Addressing Children's Mental Health Needs
- Cutting Taxes to Fight Historic Inflation
- Combating Climate Change
- Bolstering Reproductive Freedoms
- Funding Aging Services
- Maintaining CT's Future Fiscal Integrity



# I VOTED TO CUT YOUR TAXES



OUR STATE BUDGET INCLUDES

## \$650 MILLION IN TAX RELIEF

- ✔ Creates a Child Tax Credit
- ✔ Cuts property taxes for retirees
- ✔ Cuts the car tax
- ✔ Extends the gas tax cut
- ✔ Extends free bus service
- ✔ Ends pension and annuity tax
- ✔ Invests in healthcare workers



## REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

- Expanded eligibility to perform abortion care to include advanced nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, and physician assistants
- Blocked Texas and other aggressive states from targeting CT patients, doctors and advocates
- Protected medical privacy by preventing the disclosure of medical information related to reproductive healthcare that is legal in Connecticut



## 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
- Created new walk-ins for mental health emergencies
- Initiated new position at the Healthcare Advocate to help families navigate care for children and adolescents
- Expanded 24/7 emergency mental health response



## HELPING EDUCATORS

- Ensured more districts will meet eligibility requirements for the federal School Breakfast Program
- Doubled grants to school districts for bilingual education
- Established new reimbursement grant to assist schools in upgrading their HVAC systems, and ensured regular inspections and reporting on their operation
- Expanded scholarships for minority teachers
- Ensured teachers get an uninterrupted 30 minutes for lunch