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Dear Neighbors,

I am proud to say that I have made it through my first legislative session!

I am sharing some of our accomplishments here, but you can learn more about specific bills, the schedule of events, or even view clips from Committee or House sessions by visiting the CGA website at www.cga.ct.gov.

You are welcome to join me Friday mornings at Greiser's on Route 136 (299 Center Rd) in Easton for 'constituent coffee' from 8:30 a.m.-9:15 a.m., and as always please feel free to call my office or email me with any opinions or ideas. I look forward to hearing from you throughout the summer.

Peace,



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Reducing Prescription costs

I am always fighting to reduce prescription drug costs because I believe that healthcare is a right, not a privilege. When a person is sick they should be able to get the prescription drugs they need, and no one should ever have to choose between food and medicine. One bill we worked on to help with this was the CT Option in the Insurance Committee. Sadly, this did not go forward to the floor for a vote, after tremendous lobbying from Cigna and big insurance companies. But this is what the public wants, demands, and will get, and our fight for reducing prescription drug prices and access to affordable health care in CT has just begun. Keep up the public pressure and encouragement on our leaders' resolve to deliver for the people of CT!



Supporting Small Business

I will continue to invest in and encourage the growth of local businesses by streamlining government services and expanding access to capital for small businesses. This will build upon the recent work we did implementing one-stop shopping and a dedicated business hotline at DECD. We also repealed the business entity tax, and opened up Angel Investors and workforce training, apprenticeship pipeline.



Green New Deal

Climate change is our generation's crisis. We need to transition urgently to a climate-safer economy and move us closer to the ultimate goal of net-zero greenhouse gas emissions to save our planet for future generations. I have been a strong voice for a "Green New Deal" in Connecticut to encourage economic growth and job creation through programs focused on improving energy efficiency, expanding renewable energy, ensuring long-term sustainability, and strengthening infrastructure resiliency. While we weren't able to pass the "Green New Deal" this year, we were able to approve hemp production, offshore wind energy, a plastic bag ban, and restored support for renewable energy programs. We also passed the State Water Plan, which protects our water supply as a public trust to ensure that our water resources, like the Saugatuck Reservoir, are protected, and that clean drinking water is accessible for all.

Investing in Job Training

It is critical for Connecticut to have an effective & efficient workforce pipeline to meet the growing needs of our employers. Our high-wage manufacturing sector is on the upswing with Labor Department reports showing increased demand for skilled manufacturing workers. I want to build on the success of the workforce pipeline initiatives from last year, and support the effort to expand these workforce development programs. I am proud that we were able to require the BOR develop a plan for Debt Free Community College to help more students pursue higher education degrees.

Paid Family and Medical Leave

Paid Family and Medical Leave (PFML) was long overdue in our state, and I am happy to say that we have passed it! Connecticut families must be able to care for loved ones or themselves in a time of need without facing the prospect of economic ruin and loss of their job.

Raising the Minimum Wage

My colleagues and I have fought to raise the minimum wage to \$15 an hour to help working families make ends meet, and am proud to say that we were able to do just that! I firmly believe that no one who works full time should live in poverty. Many large corporations and other states have already taken steps to increase their base wages so workers can earn a fair, adequate and livable wage. We will help workers support themselves and their families, and give businesses the time to transition to a more fair & sustainable economy.

Allowing Early Voting

I stood with my colleagues in the House as we voted to ease restrictions that our state's constitution imposes on voters. Permitting early voting in Connecticut will not only ensure that everyone has the ability to vote, it will modernize our voting system and help hold our elected officials accountable. The Senate passed this bill as well, but not with the three-fourth's margin needed to have the question be on the ballot in 2020. If the legislature votes on it again next year it will be a question on the ballot in 2022.

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