

# STATE REPRESENTATIVE ANNE HUGHES

Dear Weston Neighbor,

In his State of the State address, Governor Ned Lamont called on legislators – and everyone in CT – to focus on what is positive about our amazing state. Indeed! We continue to earn high marks for our quality of life, safe towns, highly ranked education system, highly-skilled and highly-trained workforce, and our productivity. And now, our fiscal responsibility is being noticed! Thanks to fiscal constraints in our budget, CT's credit rating has been upgraded. Our seniors no longer pay state income tax on Social Security below a certain income threshold, and the state income tax on pensions is being phased out.

My priorities this session include: strengthening our environmental protections and climate crisis response; protecting our drinking water supply in the wake of federal Clean Water Act rollbacks; banning toxic pesticides like Chlorpyrifos; providing affordable healthcare options for CT small businesses, nonprofits and individuals; lowering prescription drug costs; capping insulin costs for diabetics; property tax relief for seniors; increasing mental health parity, addiction treatment services; and PTSD coverage for EMT's.

Keep on reaching out. Your voice inspires me to work even harder to make positive change for our community!



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## Animal Abuse

Animal abuse is cruel and immoral. I proudly stood with animal rights activists and fellow legislators to protest the mistreatment of elephants from the R.W. Commerford Zoo in Goshen. We're championing 'Beulah's Bill' this session, named after the elephant that collapsed and died at the Big E in September.



## Weston Library

I am thrilled that the State Bond Commission approved more than \$82,000 grant-in-aid that I advocated to renovate the Weston Library's Children's Room. The funds are being used to remodel the room, add space for interactive play and collaborative work.



## CT League of Conservation Voters Environmental Champion Award

The CT League of Conservation Voters recognized my record in the legislature last year for voting in favor of every bill related to preserving and protecting our environment. CTLCV recognized me as a clean environment champion and for being outspoken on issues such as climate change and energy efficiency. I continue to work to protect the special beauty of Weston and our district.



## Generic Drug Costs At Weston Town Hall

We need to rein-in healthcare costs and that includes getting control of skyrocketing prices for generic drugs. I will continue working to make these drugs affordable and available to all who need them. We are proud of the bi-partisan support for our legislation this session to cap the costs for insulin and supplies at \$100 per month. This is among other measures we are working on to make life-saving drugs more affordable.



## Awarding Citations To WWII Veteran Residents

I was so humbled to honor World War II veterans residing at the Meadow Ridge Senior Living Community in Redding – and recognizing their service to our nation.



## OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Paid Family Medical Leave
- Repealed Business Entity Tax, Protected Medicare Savings Program, increased Meals on Wheels
- Raised smoking/vaping age to 21
- Mental Health Parity Act to help those with substance abuse disorders to access medical treatment
- Established LGBTQ Health/Human Services Network
- Required Pre-Existing Insurance Coverage from Insurers
- Fracking Waste Ban/Plastic Bag Ban
- 2000 megawatts of Offshore Wind Renewable energy procurement with environmental impact safeguards

