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SENIOR UPDATE

Friends and Neighbors,

I hope this message finds you and yours well. It's been a busy year creating and implementing policies and programs to responsively support our seniors. I want to share with you some of the legislation passed this year to improve the quality of life for our senior residents. If you have questions or if I can be helpful to you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me at 860-240-8585 or email me at Susan. Johnson@cga.ct.gov.

I look forward to hearing from you!

All my best,



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Proudly helped pass legislation this session that:



- Eliminated even more taxes on retirement income such as pensions, annuities, and social security
- Established a new free prescription drug discount card for all Connecticut residents to save on medications
- Prohibited health carriers from requiring prior authorization for ambulance transport to a
 hospital when medically necessary. It also prohibits denial of payments to an ambulance
 provider on the basis that the enrollee did not get prior authorization
- Strengthened patients' involvement in their homemaker care plans and streamlined the process for filing complaints
- Expanded Medicaid coverage for services such as primary healthcare, physical therapy, and more
- Increased funding by \$2.5 million for elderly nutrition and Meals on Wheels

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Windham Senior Center

860-450-2100

Medicare

800-633-4227

Center for Medicare Advocacy

800-262-4414

Office of the Healthcare Advocate

866-466-4446

Department of Social Services

855-626-6632

The Elder Justice Hotline

860-808-5555

United Way Infoline (General Assistance)

Dial 2-1-1 or visit www.211ct.org

Department of Rehabilitation Services

800-537-2549

BHcare - Mental Health Services

203-736-2601

Willimantic Police Department

(Non-Emergency)

860-465-3135

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