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FAIRFIELD'S VOICE IN HARTFORD

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As your State Representative, I am grateful to have started my 2nd term representing the residents of the 132nd District in the State Legislature. It has always been my goal to make Connecticut a better place to live, work, raise a family, and retire. For the 2023 session, I am very excited to have been appointed as Vice Chair of the Education Committee as well as a member of the Human Services and Commerce Committees.

Connecticut faces many challenges including an uneasy economy, rising energy prices, continued inflation, and difficulties accessing affordable healthcare. Addressing these challenges are all top priorities for us this session. I am always interested in hearing your views on the matters facing our state. Your voice helps inform the decisions I make as your State Representative.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance to you or your family. It's an honor to serve as your State Representative and I look forward to hearing from you about ways we can improve Connecticut for all of us.

Kindest Regards,

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2023 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

REPRESENTATIVE LEEPER FIGHTING FOR FAIRFIELD:

- **HB 5003 An Act Concerning Education Funding in Connecticut** - Has a goal to make the Education Cost Sharing formula more student-centered and reflective of per-pupil student-based need. Ensuring every child graduates from high school prepared to succeed.
- **HB 5052 An Act Concerning the Personal Income Tax Deductions for Retirement Income** - Will accelerate and expand the elimination of income tax on retirement income for IRAs and raise the qualifying thresholds to \$150,000 for married couples. With a surplus, there are also budget proposals for expanded tax credits for childcare and other middle-class tax cuts.
- **SB 7 An Act Strengthening Protections for Connecticut's Consumers of Energy** - In order to promote a more equitable and transparent energy market to protect the best interests of Connecticut residents and businesses. We are also working on legislation to deal with the rising costs of utilities, energy rate setting, energy assistance programs and the environmental impact of services.
- **HB 6744 An Act Concerning Tree Removal And Vegetation Management by the Department of Transportation** - Would require DOT to develop guidelines for tree removal and vegetation management, including obtaining approval from a certified arborist prior to any tree removal as well as notifications for neighboring residents.



State Representative Jennifer Leeper is joined by Fairfield Ludlowe students Teagan Weber and Ayla Eyikan as the Fairfield legislative delegation honors them in the House chamber for their children's book "Susie Speaks Up," which brings attention to this issue of climate change.

To follow these bills and others through the legislative process here are some resources. Always feel free to also reach out to my office for assistance.

- Visit the CGA Website www.cga.ct.gov to view a daily schedule of events, access committee information, and find info for legislation and legislator contact info
- Watch live and recorded committee meetings, public hearings on the Connecticut Network CT-N.com



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