

Dear Neighbor,

I've completed two legislative sessions during the pandemic and am grateful to work with dedicated leaders, colleagues and staff who have helped me navigate my first term. We led the way nationally in protecting our citizens, keeping our economy running, supporting our front-line workers, and protecting the accessibility of our elections.

This session we cut more than \$650 million in taxes, and I fought to make sure the impact of those cuts would be felt in Wethersfield.

We also invested in the mental health of our children, worked to grow jobs and our economy, and created a state budget that pays off millions of dollars in pension debt while maintaining its rainy-day fund and honoring the spending cap.

We brought more than \$13.3 million in funding to Wethersfield to continue to invest in our community, school system, and public safety, another \$4 million in town bonding projects for roads, lighting, and the library, as well as additional funding to our local non-profits.

It is a great honor to represent you in the state legislature. Thank you for allowing me to be your voice in Hartford.

All my best,

SUPPORTING OUR FAMILIES

- Created new walk-ins for child mental health emergencies, initiated a new position at the Healthcare Advocate to help navigate care for children, expanded 24/7 emergency mental health response and provided mental health training to parents, students, and pediatricians
- Gave schools the tools they need through grants to hire more social workers, psychologists, and counselors; to ensure more districts can offer a school breakfast program; to increase bilingual education; and to upgrade HVAC systems
- Made huge investments in childcare by increasing funding for infant and toddler programs, increasing pay to childcare workers, and approving a one time child tax rebate of \$250 per child for up to three children
- Improved access to health care by expanding coverage to undocumented children ages twelve and under and strengthened intervention for lead poisoning. In addition, we expanded insurance requirements to include screening for breast and cervical cancer and ensured protection for those seeking and providing women's reproductive health care.
- Established a new local-option property tax exemption for more veterans



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STATE REPRESENTATIVE AMY MORRIN BELLO CAPITOL UPDATE 2022

2022 SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Addressing Children’s Mental Health Needs
- Cutting Taxes to Combat Historic Inflation
- Keeping CT Safe with Juvenile Justice Reform
- Improving Access to Voting
- Bolstering Reproductive Freedoms
- Creating Environmentally Conscious Initiatives
- 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 the car tax
- ✔ Cuts property taxes for retirees
- ✔ Ends pension and annuity tax
- ✔ Invests in healthcare workers
- ✔ Extends the gas tax cut
- ✔ Extends free bus service



PRIORITIZING PUBLIC SAFETY

- Responded to pandemic-related crime by investing in Youth Service Bureaus and Juvenile Review Boards, toughening penalties for thefts, and funding state and local task forces to address gun violence and auto thefts
- Made it more difficult to resell catalytic converters
- Honored our commitment to body cameras, police accountability, and clean slate laws
- Established an office on gun violence prevention
- Improved training for incidents involving the police interactions with those who have mental and physical disabilities

STRENGTHENING CT’S ECONOMY

- Invested in local nonprofits, museums, and other attractions
- Created additional student loan assistance programs for part-time students, including debt-free community college and loan reimbursement for in demand health care workers
- Increased work opportunities for young adults, including the Manufacturing Pipeline program, and new paid internships at DOT
- Helped front-line, private sector workers access premium pay for certain essential staff who had to work through the pandemic

PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

- Set a goal of zero greenhouse gas emissions from electricity by 2040, expanded financing to develop zero emission vehicle infrastructure, build more solar power and fuel cells, and reinforce our electric grid
- Exempt electric charging stations from property tax charges
- Incentivized school districts to use electric school buses and established a grant program to help municipalities improve traffic signals
- Made it easier for renters and condo owners to install electric chargers, and required electric chargers at new state and commercial buildings