

### **2023 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

## FROM REPRESENTATIVE MORRIN BELLO WETHERSFIELD'S VOICE AT THE STATE CAPITOL

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"My priority is to make sure we keep Connecticut an affordable and safe state for all residents. I look forward to continuing to advocate for the needs of Wethersfield"

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# STATE REPRESENTATIVE AMY MORRIN BELLO 2023 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

#### Tax Relief and Restructuring

To make our state more affordable for working families and retirees, legislators are discussing adjustments to the state's personal income tax brackets, extending and expanding the one-time child tax rebate, expanding eligibility for certain retirement income exemptions, and increasing state aid to municipalities in order to lessen the property tax burden on residents.

#### **Energy Affordability and Environmental Impact**

This session the legislature has bills before it to address rising costs of utilities and the environmental impact of services. Legislators are discussing energy rate setting, energy assistance programs, how to handle trash and recyclables with the closing of MIRA the regional trash plant, and whether the Metropolitan District Commission should have more oversight.

#### **Traffic Safety**

2022 was the deadliest year on roads in Connecticut. In addition to implementing some of the recommendations of the report from the Vision Zero Council on road safety, bill proposals this session include lowering the legal limit for a driver's blood alcohol concentration from 0.08 to 0.05, implementation of automated enforcement technologies, increased safe driving education, and improvements to road design.

#### **Voting Accessibility**

Legislation is being drafted to put into place an early voting system that would allow voters to cast a vote in-person on days other than election day. In addition, a bill to set a ballot question for a constitutional amendment to permit no excuse absentee voting is also being prepared.