

Dear neighbors,

I write to share some historic highlights from the 2022 legislative session.

With strong state revenues and additional COVID funding from the federal government, we were able to authorize an historic \$650 million in tax cuts. We invested in the mental health of our children. We dedicated funds to growing jobs and our economy. We paid off millions in pension debt and continued our record rainy day fund while investing in Wallingford's schools, Gaylord Hospital, YMCA, greenway trails, public safety and programs that work - all while honoring the spending cap.

That's not to say we aren't facing challenges. We are seeing inflation that hits everyone's wallets and housing prices that are pricing many out of even modest homes. That's why I fought hard to provide you with relief: increasing the property tax credit, phasing out taxes on retirement income, creating a childcare rebate, cutting the gas tax and more.

There is a lot packed in here. Please contact me if you need specifics about any law or budget item. It is my pleasure to serve as your state representative.

Sincerely,

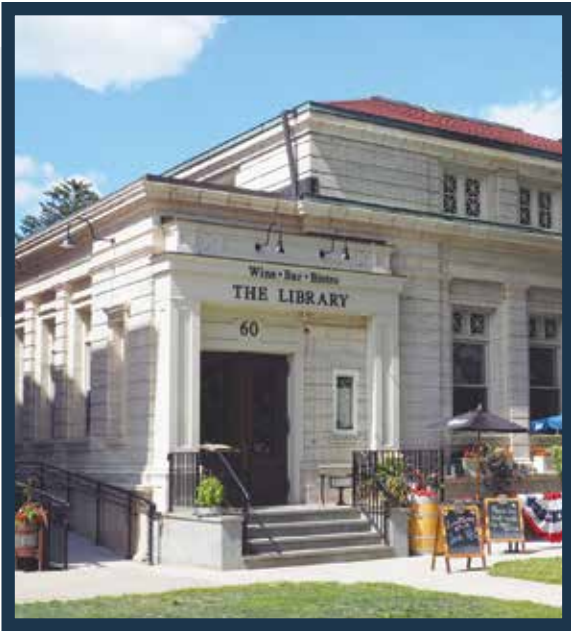
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ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE

- Expanded farmland restoration to include climate-smart farming and forestry
- Set goal of reaching 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
- Required medium and heavy-duty truck air pollution standards



- Electrification of the state fleet of vehicles and installation of state electric chargers
- Made it easier for renters and condo owners to install electric chargers
- Incentivized school districts to use electric school buses
- Established a grant program to help municipalities improve traffic signals



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STATE REPRESENTATIVE MARY MUSHINSKY 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
- 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 property taxes for retirees
- ✔ Extends the gas tax cut
- ✔ Extends free bus service
- ✔ Ends pension and annuity tax
- ✔ Invests in healthcare workers

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Made it harder to resell stolen catalytic converters effective July 1
- Invested in Youth Service Bureaus and Juvenile Review Boards
- Expanded alternatives to incarceration
- Expanded use of GPS monitoring and toughened penalties for vehicle thefts
- Created more crisis training for our police
- Extended employment protections to police officers who seek mental health care
- Improved training for handling individuals with mental or physical disabilities
- Funded state and local task forces to address gun violence and auto thefts
- Adopted higher fire department equipment standards and better cancer data
- Provided funding to volunteer fire departments who respond to highway emergencies

CHILDREN

- Provided grants to local schools to hire more support staff, including for mental health: social workers, psychologists, and counselors
- Created new walk-ins for mental health emergencies
- Healthcare Advocate will help families navigate care for children and adolescents
- Expanded 24/7 emergency mental health
- Established state oversight and coordination for response to kids' mental health needs
- Expanded mentorship opportunities
- Provided mental health training to parents, students, and pediatricians

EDUCATION

- Established new grant to assist schools in upgrading their HVAC systems
- Increased funding for infant and toddler care
- Increased pay to childcare workers to attract and retain more educators
- Expanded successful Birth to Three Program
- Approved state tax credit for childcare

ECONOMY

- Invested in affordable housing
- Lowered the business tax rate for unemployment insurance
- Established JobsCT program - companies in target industries earn rebates
- Supported CT residents with CDL (truck driver license) training
- Made direct investments in community nonprofits
- Created additional student loan assistance programs and debt-free community college
- Approved economic incentives for Sikorsky
- Expanded special relief funding for certain front-line workers who became sick with covid

HEALTHCARE

- \$12M for tobacco prevention and cessation
- More screenings for breast and cervical cancer
- Increased funding to our specialty care hospitals (Gaylord)
- Ensured more psychiatric treatment beds
- Continued telehealth options
- Stopped states from targeting CT patients and doctors in reproductive rights laws



VETERANS

- Guaranteed CT veterans in-state tuition rates
- Local-option property tax exemption equal to 10% of home values for vets
- Created new license plates for veterans who served in Afghanistan or Iraq