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Dear Neighbor,

The pandemic has produced numerous challenges and exacerbated existing institutional inequities. Throughout the 2021 session, my colleagues and I worked to address these new challenges and existing injustices by passing over 350 bills and resolutions.

I know the past year has been difficult for each individual and family in our community, and I believe the legislation passed in Hartford will empower everyone in our district. This session I advocated for equitable public health policies, increased access to mental health resources, and additional support for our seniors, schools, and small businesses. I also worked with my colleagues to pass a bipartisan budget that will strengthen our economy and invest in our infrastructure, sustainability efforts, and education. I have fought to ensure New London will see an increase in funding in both Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023 through this budget. I am confident that these state investments will help our community recover and thrive as we move out of this pandemic.

Please continue reading for more information on legislative highlights and resources developed this session that will benefit your family, our district, and our state.

Best,



Anthony L. Nolan



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## FIGHTING FOR EQUALITY

- Declared racism a public health crisis and created a Commission on Racial Equity tasked with eliminating health disparities (PA 21-35)
- CT joined seven states in making it illegal to discriminate based on hair texture and protective hairstyle (PA 21-2 “CROWN ACT”)
- Ended the practice of charging prisoners to use the phone (PA 21-54)
- Restored voting rights for individuals in community facilities or on parole (PA 21-2)
- Limited the need for your age and other dates on job applications to eliminate age discrimination (PA 21-69)
- Guaranteed legal representation if you’re facing eviction (PA 21-34)
- Strengthened the rights of families who are not biologically related and for parents who have children through the assistance of donors (PA 21-15)
- Required employers to provide a salary range for job openings to make it easier to predict what the job is worth and to ensure a more equitable playing field for salary negotiations (PA 21-30)
- Created a new workforce pipeline program for individuals with disabilities (SA 21-10)
- Reduced the size of school zones and established a requirement of proof of intent before the enhanced school zone penalty applies, reducing the inequitable impact that current policy has on urban areas (PA 21-102)
- Streamlined the pension revocation process for public officials who are convicted of crimes relating to their office (PA 21-102)
- Required DPH to study developing a program to recruit and retain health care workers of color in the state
- Voters will get to decide in 2022 if we should have early, in-person voting and in 2024 you’ll decide if every registered voter in CT should be able to vote by absentee ballot (RA 21-1 and RA 21-2)



## FIGHTING FOR OUR CHILDREN

- Created an Office of Dyslexia and Reading Disabilities in SDE responsible for verifying that educator preparedness programs comply with requirements for literacy interventions for students with dyslexia (PA 21-168)
- Raised awareness of child sex abuse and required comprehensive background checks for coaches, trainers, instructors and certain employees of youth camps (PA 21-64)
- Raised the age of childhood arrest from 7 to 10 and required DCF to create/implement a plan for improving educational outcomes for children in the juvenile justice system (PA 21-174)
- Passed legislation to address the impact of COVID-19 on the mental health of our children, including:
  - Expanding youth suicide prevention training
  - Creating more outpatient services for kids
  - Requiring social emotional learning as part of professional development for teachers
  - Continuing virtual parent teacher conferences
  - Addressing absenteeism in virtual learning
  - Ending lunch shaming when kids fall behind in paying for their school lunches (PA 21-46)
- Creating an audit of remote learning during COVID-19 to understand its impact on students and the school community (PA 21-2)

## SECURING OUR ECONOMY & OUR FUTURE

- Established State Pier as state-owned property, providing New London with additional money from the state, and increased the reimbursement rate for properties like State Pier to 100%, instead of 45% (PA 21-2 & 3)
- Cut unemployment insurance taxes on local businesses by excluding pandemic-related layoffs
- Raised bottle deposits to 10 cents, applied deposits to more products and provided more money to towns and redemption centers to ensure these products don’t wind up as litter or in a landfill (PA 21-58)
- Joined other states in legalizing sports betting which created new online lottery draw and table games and strengthened our local economy through partnership with the Mohegan and Mashantucket Pequot tribes (PA 21-23)
- Ensured new money for gambling addiction treatment and prevention services (PA 21-23)

## NEW LONDON BUDGET SUMMARY

	FY 21	FY 22
Education Cost Sharing	\$29,972,725	\$31,067,889
Non-Education Aid	\$7,799,492	\$10,159,424
Additional Bonding	\$735,687	\$735,687
<b>Total State Funds To New London</b>	<b>\$38,507,904</b>	<b>\$41,963,000</b>



## PUTTING YOUR SAFETY FIRST

- Strengthened our domestic violence laws, including defining coercive control as domestic violence, and ensured immediate cash assistance for victims and their families (PA 21-78 “Jennifer’s Law”)
- Blocked individuals that a court determines as high-risk from getting their hands on a gun (PA 21-67)
- Put community violence prevention programs on a path to sustainable funding and growth in our state – to serve more victims of gun violence and their families (PA 21-36)
- Improved sexual misconduct reporting, data collection, and response on CT college campuses (PA 21-81)
- Increased the penalty for illegal dissemination of the intimate image when the image is shared with more than one person
- Increased the penalty for electronic stalking and broadened the definition of the crime (PA 21-102)
- Established a committee to advise the Public Health and Human Services committees on establishing a Commission on Gun Violence Intervention and Prevention (PA 21-35)
- Required background checks at homemaker-companion agencies (PA 21-37)
- Strengthened our laws on cyber security and identity and data theft (PA 21-59)

