

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The 2022 legislative session has ended. It was a fast-paced and productive session, resulting in historic tax relief, investments in children’s mental health and many other initiatives that will improve our quality of life here in Connecticut.

We cut taxes by more than **\$650 million** – while also putting **\$3.6 billion** toward paying down our state’s unfunded pension liability (saving the state **\$400 million** a year). We did this all while maintaining a **\$3.1 billion rainy day fund**.

New Haven will see additional property tax relief through a **\$5.9 million reimbursement** with a motor vehicle mill rate cap reduction from 45 mills to 32.46 mills – money that will not need to be paid by local property taxpayers. In addition, New Haven will see over **\$285 million** in total state aid, including nearly **\$1 million** in additional funding for grants like Education Cost Sharing (ECS) and Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) for FY 2023.

Thank you to the residents of New Haven’s 97th District for the trust you have placed in me to be your state representative. It truly is an honor to represent your ideas and concerns at the State Capitol.

Please always feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns about any legislation contained in this newsletter or any other issue.

All my best,



GOOD NEWS FOR NEW HAVEN

- Wilbur Cross High School Rice Field - \$1,100,000
- New Haven Fire Training School \$48,364
- New Haven Jobs Funnel \$350,590
- New Haven Festival of Arts and Ideas \$414,511
- New Haven Local Little League \$500,000
- New Haven Police Activities League \$50,000
- New Haven Adult Education \$500,000
- New Adult Education Center \$20 million



CAPITOL UPDATE 2022

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A RESPONSIBLE STATE BUDGET

- ✔ Cuts Taxes by \$650 Million
- ✔ Increases property tax credit to \$300
- ✔ Ends pension and annuity tax for seniors
- ✔ Secures one-time child tax payment
- ✔ Extends the gas tax cut
- ✔ Extends free bus service

GUN VIOLENCE AND CRIME PREVENTION

We have all been saddened and angered by ongoing and recent news when it comes to gun violence. Although Connecticut has already enacted some of the strongest gun control laws in the country, more action needs to be taken, especially on the federal level. Since Sandy Hook, Connecticut has taken the lead to pass background checks for all gun purchases, ban high-capacity magazines, strengthen gun storage laws, ban ghost guns and pass an extreme risk protection law. This year I also worked with Police Chief Karl Jacobsen and the New Haven Police Department to pass some of the following initiatives.

Project Longevity - This year I lead the charge to secure a **\$3.4 million** investment in Project Longevity, which goes toward proven and successful community-based initiatives to reduce gun violence through community and family intervention programs, expanded job training opportunities, education and career pathways as well as building positive police and community relationships in our cities including New Haven.

Catalytic Converter Theft - I also worked to pass legislation to strengthen last year's catalytic converter legislation, which will now impose restrictions on and require record keeping by motor vehicle recyclers, scrap metal processors and junk dealers. This legislation will work to interrupt the process of profiting from stolen catalytic converters by aiding law enforcement in the tracking and identification of potential criminal activity.

Loud Speaker Noise - I was able to work with the Transportation Committee to pass a law which allows municipalities to impose higher penalties for noise ordinance violations from the use of external speakers. Under the law cities can now adopt a penalty of up to \$1,000 for 1st violations, \$1,500 for 2nd violations, and \$2,000 for 3rd violations, and seized speakers must be sold at a municipal public auction with money going to the general fund of the municipality.

SERVING THOSE WHO SERVE US

This session I worked on legislation with the New Haven Police Department that will go toward recommendations to streamline accident reports that we hope will save valuable funding, time and resources. We also:

- Adopted better equipment standards to collect data for cancer amongst firefighters and more local funding for firefighters who leave service with a cancer diagnosis.
- Extended employment protections to police receiving mental health care services
- Guaranteed CT veterans in-state tuition rates



GROWING CT'S ECONOMY

- Lowered the business tax rate for unemployment insurance
- Established a JobsCT program with incentives & rebates for companies to grow
- Made direct investments in community nonprofits and community providers
- Created additional student loan assistance programs
- Expanded successful Manufacturing Pipeline program
- Approved economic incentives for Sikorsky tied to expansion
- Supported economic development of our ports with state bond funds

FOSTERING HEALTHY CHILDREN

Perhaps the achievement that will be remembered the most this session will be the historic Children's Mental Health legislation we passed. This legislation will increase access to mental health providers, expand insurance coverage, provide proactive screenings and make more behavioral health services available in our schools. We also:



- Established a \$150 million grant program for schools to upgrade their HVAC systems
- Increased funding for infant and toddler care programs
- Approved state tax credit for childcare and increased pay to childcare workers to attract and retain more educators
- Expanded successful Birth to Three Program

PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

- Set goal of zero greenhouse gas emissions from electricity supplied by 2040
- Expanded financing to develop zero emission vehicle infrastructure and build more solar power and fuel cells.
- Created new incentives for consumer and commercial electric vehicles, required installation of electric chargers at new state and commercial buildings and exempted electric charging stations from the property tax
- Expanded sophisticated testing of shellfish and invested in repopulating native salmon and eel population
- Continued to support the environmental restoration and preservation of East Shore Park and Peat Meadow with state funds

SUPPORTING OUR SENIORS

- Regulated temporary nursing service agencies through DPH to prevent staff shortages and price gouging in nursing homes
- Funding for senior centers to re-engage people after COVID, expand Meals on Wheels, and Alzheimer's Respite Care
- Reduced the required time period to report suspected elder abuse

