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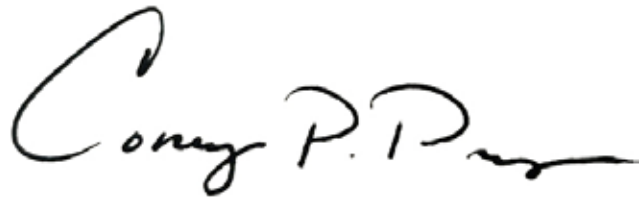
I am proud to share some historic highlights from the 2022 legislative session.

Historic like more than \$650 million in tax cuts. Historic like our investment in the mental health of our children. Historic like our commitment to growing jobs and our economy. Historic like our commitment to growing jobs and our economy. Historic like a state budget that pays off millions in pension debt and continues our record rainy day fund while investing in Stamford's schools, mental health, 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.

I hope you find this newsletter packed with useful information. It is my pleasure to serve as your state representative.

All my best,



Corey P. Paris  
State Representative

## 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



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# 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
- ✔ Cuts the car tax
- ✔ Extends the gas tax cut
- ✔ Extends free bus service
- ✔ Ends pension and annuity tax
- ✔ Invests in healthcare workers

## LARGEST TAX CUT IN STATE HISTORY

- Cut taxes by over \$650 million
- Increased state income tax credit for property owners from \$200 to \$300
- Increased the Earned Income Tax Credit for the 2023 tax year, cutting taxes for our neediest families
- Eliminated pension and annuity taxes for retirees making less than \$75k/year
- Secured one-time childcare rebate of \$250 per child, up to three children
- Cut state gas tax to zero through December 1, 2022

## STILL FIGHTING: BILLS FOR NEXT SESSION

- SB 250 – AN ACT CONCERNING STUDENT LOAN REIMBURSEMENT FOR CONNECTICUT RESIDENTS WHO GRADUATED FROM A STATE UNIVERSITY.
- We were very close to passing SB 250, which would have created a student loan debt reimbursement program for Connecticut college students who stay in state after graduation. I am encouraged by our progress and will continue to work with advocates and colleagues to address this critical issue that impacts our individual and collective economic futures.

## IMPROVING ACCESS TO QUALITY HEALTH CARE (HB 5506)

- Allowed pharmacists, in collaboration with your doctor, to adjust more medications without requiring as many in-person visits
- Made \$12M available for tobacco prevention and cessation
- Expanded screenings for breast and cervical cancer
- Ensured more psychiatric treatment beds
- Created new home visit pilot program for newborns
- Continued telehealth options



## RESPONDING TO THE CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS (HB 5001, SB 1, HB 5506)

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

## MAKING CT MORE EQUITABLE

- Required the teaching of Asian American and Pacific Islander studies in public schools (SB 1)
- Required most publicly owned facilities to provide free menstrual products (HB 5506)
- Increased health care coverage to undocumented immigrants, up to age 12 (HB 5506)
- Required towns with over 25,000 residents to establish a local fair rent commission. These commissions will respond to tenant complaints about excessively harsh rent increases and lack of code enforcement by a landlord or property manager (HB 5205)
- Established June 19th as Juneteenth Independence Day. This new state holiday will forever celebrate the independence of African Americans freed from slavery (SB 350)
- Honor our commitment to body cameras, police accountability and our new clean state laws