

Dear Neighbor,

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 a state budget that pays off billions in pension debt and maintains our record rainy day fund - all while investing in Madison's and Durham's schools and an expansive set of environmental, public safety, and community programs that work.

That's not to say we aren't facing challenges. We're seeing inflation that hits everyone's wallets and housing prices that make home ownership out of reach for far too many of our neighbors. 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, and I hope you'll reach out and let me know what you think of the work we've done this year. As always, it's a privilege to serve as your state representative.

All my best,



John-Michael

**DELIVERED OVER  
\$5 MILLION  
BACK TO THE DISTRICT**

**Academy Community Center  
Durham Public Library  
Garvan Point  
Durham Town Website  
American Legion Post #79  
Madison Cultural Arts**



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## 2022 SESSION HIGHLIGHTS:

- Addressing Children's Mental Health Needs
- Cutting Taxes to Combat Inflation
- Keeping CT Safe with Juvenile Justice Reform
- Making CT More Affordable for Residents
- Maintaining CT's Fiscal Integrity
- Advancing Environmentally Conscious Initiatives

**I VOTED TO**

**CUT YOUR TAXES**



## OUR HISTORIC BUDGET:

- ✔ Creates a Child Tax Credit
- ✔ Cuts property taxes for retirees
- ✔ Cuts the car tax
- ✔ Extends the gas tax cut
- ✔ Extends free bus service
- ✔ Cuts pension and annuity taxes
- ✔ Invests in healthcare workers

OUR STATE BUDGET INCLUDES

**\$650 MILLION  
IN TAX RELIEF  
FOR CONNECTICUT**

## LEADING IN HARTFORD, STANDING UP FOR YOU

- Led passage of *HB 5430, An Act Concerning Opioids*, codifying a number of critical policies to combat the opioid epidemic in the state - including the expansion of evidence-based treatments and harm reduction measures.
- Co-chaired *Connecticut's Future Caucus*, bringing bipartisan legislators together to create policies that will benefit future generations.
- Secured funding for CT's *Statewide Stroke Registry*, a critical public health measure that will improve treatment, support healthcare providers and save lives.
- Co-hosted the *General Assembly's Arts, Culture, and Tourism Summit*, bringing together legislators, industry professionals, and state officials to discuss the unique challenges facing these sectors.

## FIGHTING FOR OUR FUTURE

- **Growing CT's Economy:** made unemployment insurance more affordable for businesses, established JobsCT and expanded workforce development.
- **Protecting our Environment:** fighting climate change with zero carbon targets, created new incentives for consumer and commercial electric vehicles, passed the CT Clean Air Act.
- **Strengthening Education and Early Childhood:** supported our teachers, gave schools the tools they need to succeed, invested in childcare and community nonprofits.
- **Making Connecticut more Equitable:** invested in affordable housing, provided free menstrual products in public institutions, established Juneteenth Independence Day.
- **Improving and Expanding Healthcare:** defended reproductive rights, funded tobacco prevention and cessation, strengthened response to lead poisoning, expanded screenings for breast and cervical cancer, increased funding to speciality care hospitals.
- **Supporting Public Safety:** responded to car thefts, invested in diversion programs and training for law enforcement, established an office of gun violence prevention, fighting child abuse and domestic violence.

