



Dear Neighbor,

I am pleased to share some historic highlights from the 2022 legislative session. It has been an honor to have successfully completed my first two legislative sessions during my first term representing you in Hartford. This session we had historic accomplishments including over \$650 million in tax cuts to put more money back into your pockets, and we invested in the mental health of our children by ensuring our kids have access to the resources they need. We also offered additional relief to local businesses and restaurants so they can keep their doors open despite facing numerous challenges throughout the pandemic.

All our efforts this year work to make life easier for you and your family. 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 am proud to make these critical investments in our community while maintaining CT's fiscal responsibility and integrity for the future.

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

All my best,

## 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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## CAPITOL UPDATE 2022

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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
- Capped car taxes at 32.46 mills
- Expanded student loan payment tax credit – allowing more employers to assist their workers with loan repayment
- Cut state gas tax to zero through December 1, 2022
- Eliminated admissions tax at movie theaters

## GROWING CT'S ECONOMY

- Lowered the business tax rate for Unemployment Insurance, effectively making the federal loan repayment for the coming year on behalf of businesses
- Established Jobs CT program – helping companies in target industries earn rebates against insurance premiums and state taxes for meeting job targets
- Supported CT residents with CDL training
- Made direct investments in community nonprofits
- Helped community providers keep up with inflation
- Provided support to museums, theaters and other CT attractions
- Created additional student loan assistance programs
- Approved economic incentives for Sikorsky tied to new federal contracts and expansion

## RESPONDING TO THE CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS

- Provided grants to local schools to hire more support staff, including in the areas of mental health: social workers, psychologists, and counselors
- Funded the expansions of school-based health centers and the services they provide
- 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
- Expanded mentorship opportunities
- Helped school-based health centers develop new mental health programming
- Assisted local schools in expanding mental health staff and access to care
- Provided mental health training to parents, students, and pediatricians



## PUBLIC SAFETY INITIATIVES

- Made it harder to resell catalytic converters
- Targeted gun stores who don't have a functional alarm system

### Responded to Juvenile Crime, Auto Thefts and Pandemic-related Crime Diversion:

- Invested in Youth Service Bureaus and Juvenile Review Boards
- Increased work opportunities for young adults
- Expanded alternatives to incarceration

### Keeping the public safe:

- Expanded hands-on training for police
- Addressed laboratory and case backlogs
- Expanded use of GPS monitoring
- Toughened penalties for vehicle thefts
- Created more crisis training for our police
- Funded state and local task forces to address gun violence and auto thefts

### Stopping Child Abuse

- Increased training and education of sexual abuse identification and prevention
- Designated youth camp counselors as mandatory reporters
- Extended address confidentiality to victims of kidnapping, human trafficking, and child abuse

### Stopping Domestic Violence

- Took steps to make online dating safer
- Created a grant program to prevent online abuse
- Expanded anti-discrimination provisions to all employers regardless of the number of people they employ
- Made victims of domestic violence a protected class

### Giving Police the Tools They Need

- Extended employment protections to police officers who seek and receive mental health care services
- Improved training for handling incidents involving individuals with mental or physical disabilities