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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - SPRING 2017

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

During the year, my office receives many calls from you regarding your ideas and concerns. In some cases, I am able to introduce legislation that is a direct product of my conversations with neighbors and friends. This session I am proud to have introduced several bills based upon recommendations from you, including bills that will ensure women's access to reproductive health care, exempting Social Security from the state income tax and supporting critical programs in our city such as HARC and the Chrysalis Center.

As always, it is a pleasure and honor to represent you at the State Capitol. Please contact my office with any and all questions.

Sincerely,

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WOMEN'S HEALTH AND REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

As a state, we must stand together to ensure that women's health and reproductive rights are protected. I support Senate Bill 586, An Act Expanding Mandated Health Benefits for Women, Children and Adolescents, which will require health insurance companies to cover women's health care including contraception, breast cancer risk assessment and many other services if the Federal Government repeals the Affordable Care Act. It would also require insurance companies to extend coverage of children's preventative health services to the age of 21.

PROTECTING LGBTQ RIGHTS

I am pleased to offer my continued commitment to our LGBTQ community as I stand in support of House Bill 6695, An Act Concerning the Protection of Youth from Conversion Therapy. My support for this bill comes from a desire to foster an environment of inclusion and acceptance and protect young people from having their emerging identities and self-worth negatively impacted by a debunked sham.

SUPPORTING PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

I see the positive impact that organizations such as HARC and the Chrysalis Center have in our community. Investing in these programs will allow them to continue their important work. I also am fighting to keep the Blue Hills Treatment Center open. The opioid crisis highlights the need for accessible drug rehabilitation in Hartford.

TAX EXEMPTION FOR SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS

We need to do more to help seniors afford to keep living independently. I support House Bill 5587, An Act Concerning a Tax Exemption for Seniors' Social Security Benefits, which would help make the Nutmeg State a more desirable place to live and retire.

DOG LICENSING

To make life a bit easier for dog lovers, I support House Bill 7210, An Act Providing Municipal Options for Dog Licensing, which would give cities and towns the option to issue dog licenses for two or three years, instead of annually as the law currently requires.



Matt during HARC Day at the Capitol



Families will have an easier time registering dogs with the passage of House Bill 7210.