

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE MATT RITTER

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Dear Neighbor,

Over the past year the legislature worked hard to address the challenges brought on by COVID-19 and address existing social and institutional inequities.

The work – more than 350 bills and resolutions – will empower everyone in our district. I advocated to make it easier for people to vote in our state, increased access to mental health resources, and provided additional support for our seniors, schools, and small businesses.

I am also happy to report that the Hartford delegation was able to increase the city's share of state funding by roughly \$25 million. Please enjoy this update.

All my best,



Matt Ritter



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FIGHTING FOR BETTER HEALTHCARE

- Declared racism a public health crisis and created a Commission on Racial Equity tasked with eliminating health disparities
- Provided new healthcare coverage to 40,000 low-income residents and families under the Covered Connecticut Program
- Strengthened rights for the deaf, deaf-blind, and hard of hearing
- Fought for better insurance coverage for mammograms
- Ensured dental coverage for kids through their parents' plans, up to the age of 26



The Angel of Edgewood Back-to-School Extravaganza in collaboration with PriceRite & Feed the Children.

Thank you Jendayi Scott-Miller, Executive Director, Angel of Edgewood and Nichelle Mullins, Executive Director, Charter Oak Health Center!

RESPONDING TO COVID-19

- Continued coverage for and access to telehealth
- Cut Unemployment Insurance taxes on local businesses
- Increased funding to local health departments
- Strengthened numerous programs designed to keep people from losing their homes: Foreclosure Mediation, Lien Assistance and Emergency Mortgage Assistance

BATTERSON PARK



Successfully secured \$10 million to rejuvenate the Hartford-owned recreation area into the regional attraction it once was

A BUDGET FOCUSED ON



WORKING FAMILIES



TOWNS & CITIES



NONPROFITS

BUDGET SUMMARY

- ✓ OVER \$2 BILLION FOR INFRASTRUCTURE IN HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES
- ✓ BIPARTISAN
- ✓ NO TAX INCREASES
- ✓ TAX CUTS FOR THE MIDDLE CLASS
- ✓ \$3.5 BILLION RAINY DAY FUND
- ✓ FULLY FUNDS TOWNS
- ✓ RESTORES THE SOCIAL SAFETY NET

EXPANDING VOTING RIGHTS

- Voters will get to decide in November 2022 at referendum if we should have early, in-person voting
- In November 2024, voters will decide by referendum if every registered voter in CT should be able to vote by absentee ballot
- Ended prison gerrymandering – the practice of counting individuals where they are incarcerated instead of where they are from

ELIMINATING WELFARE LIENS

- Eliminated most “welfare liens” to bring Connecticut in line with 48 other states
- This policy will remove a roadblock to upward mobility and home-ownership for those in our most vulnerable communities.



PUTTING FAMILIES FIRST

- Provided funding for legal representation for tenants facing eviction
- Fully funded free community college – meaning students can work on their associate degree without having to pay tuition out of pocket
- Eliminated state income taxes on IRA income

A GREENER CT

- Regulated the harmful chemical “PFAS”
- Provided more money to towns and redemption centers to ensure these products don’t wind up as litter or in a landfill
- Created a competitive program for fuel cell projects that favors Connecticut-made equipment and the redevelopment of brownfields and landfills