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Dear Neighbor,

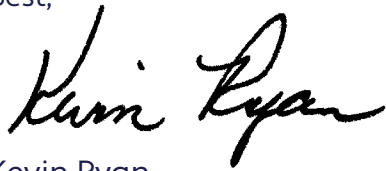
The pandemic has produced numerous challenges and exacerbated existing institutional inequities. Throughout the 2021 session, my colleagues and I worked to address these new challenges and existing injustices by passing over 350 bills and resolutions.

I know the past year has been difficult for each individual and family in our community, and I believe the legislation passed at the Capitol will empower everyone in our district.

This session I advocated for equitable public health policies, increased access to mental health resources and additional support for our seniors, schools, and small businesses. I also worked with my colleagues to pass a bipartisan budget that will strengthen our economy and invest in our infrastructure, sustainability efforts, and education. I have fought to ensure Norwich, Montville, and Bozrah will see an increase in funding in both Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023 through this budget. I am confident that these state investments will help our community recover and thrive as we move out of this pandemic.

Please continue reading for more information on legislative highlights and resources developed this session that will benefit your family, our district, and our state.

Best,



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## SERVING THOSE WHO SERVED

- Established a tourism trail that showcases our veteran and military destinations (PA 21-105)
- Ensured funeral benefits for low-income veterans (PA 21-112)
- Established the National Purple Star School Program to assist military families moving into the state with school registration, planning, counseling and other support services (PA 21-86)
- Directed state colleges and universities to update the credits they can award based on military training (PA 21-132)
- Expanded state benefits for LGBTQ+ veterans (PA 21-79)

## FIGHTING FOR OUR CHILDREN

- Raised awareness of child sex abuse and required comprehensive background checks for employees of athletic leagues and youth camps (PA 21-64 & PA 21-82)
- Strengthened laws on sex trafficking and made it easier for victims to restart their lives with a clean record (PA 21-103)
- Cracked down on online harassment with tougher penalties (PA 21-56)
- Improved sexual misconduct reporting, data collection, and our response to sexual assaults on CT college campuses (PA 21-81)
- Fought for better mental health services on college campuses (PA 21-132)
- Created an audit of remote learning during COVID-19 to understand its impact on students and the school community (SB 1202)



## RESPONDING TO THE MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE CRISES

- Limited overprescription of addictive drugs (PA 21-125)
- Established task forces on mental health and support services (PA 21-125)
- Approved more resources for community providers (SB 1202)
- Continued coverage for, and access to, telehealth (PA 21-133 & PA 21-9)
- Increased awareness of behavioral and mental health services for children when they are discharged from a hospital and required the posting of the same information on school websites (PA 21-116)

## RESPONDING TO COVID-19

- Cut unemployment insurance taxes on local businesses by excluding pandemic-related layoffs (PA 21-5 & SB 1202)
- Reformed nursing home staffing, policies and supply inventories in response to COVID-19 (PA 21-185)
- Strengthened programs designed to keep people from losing their homes during tough times: Foreclosure Mediation, Lien Assistance and Emergency Mortgage Assistance (PA 21-44)
- Provided certain low-wage workers who were laid off during the pandemic the first chance to get their jobs back (PA 21-189)
- Expanded workers' compensation benefits for PTSD to cover emergency responders, corrections workers, dispatchers, and health care providers who were on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic (PA 21-107)
- Expanded youth suicide prevention training, created more outpatient services for kids, and required social-emotional learning as part of professional development for teachers (PA 21-46)

## LAND OF STEADY HABITS MODERNIZES GAMBLING

- Joined other states in legalizing sports betting (PA 21-23)
- Created new online lottery draw and table games
- Strengthened our local economy through partnership with the Mohegan and Mashantucket Pequot tribes
- Ensured new money for gambling addiction treatment and prevention services

## BUDGET 2022-23

	NORWICH		MONTVILLE		BOZRAH	
	FY 22	FY 23	FY 22	FY 23	FY 22	FY 23
PILOT PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES	\$2,879,430	\$2,879,430	\$1,627,357	\$1,627,357	\$4,623	\$4,623
EDUCATION COST SHARING	\$40,544,338	\$41,860,439	\$12,802,821	\$12,826,307	\$1,190,095	\$1,190,095
TOTAL MUNICIPAL AID & BONDS	\$48,776,040	\$48,666,422	\$16,930,087	\$16,953,774	\$1,557,387	\$1,557,427

