

Dear Neighbor,

I am proud to share some historic highlights from the 2022 legislative session.

Historic with more than \$650 million in tax cuts and our investment in the mental health of our children. Historic with our commitment to growing jobs and our economy. Historic with a state budget that pays off millions in pension debt and continues our record rainy day fund while investing in our towns, schools, mental health, public safety and programs that work - all while honoring the spending cap.

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

All my best,



RESPONDING TO THE CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS

- Provided grants to local schools to hire more support staff, including social workers, psychologists, and counselors
- Funded the expansions of school-based health centers and the mental health services they provide
- Created new walk-in appointments for mental health emergencies
- Initiated a 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
- Provided mental health training to parents, students, and pediatricians



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CAPITOL UPDATE 2022

2022 SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

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



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

SERVING THOSE WHO SERVE US

- Guaranteed CT veterans in-state tuition rates
- Adopted higher fire department equipment standards, began collecting better data on the prevalence of cancer among firefighters, and secured more local funding for firefighters who leave service with a cancer diagnosis
- Provided funding to local volunteer fire departments who respond to emergencies on certain state highways
- Established a new, local-option property tax exemption equal to 10% of home values for more veterans
- Created new license plates for veterans who served in Afghanistan or Iraq

ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES

- Created a public health reporting system for homeowners who have an abundance of salt in their drinking water
- Expanded state farmland restoration programming to include climate-smart farming and forestry practices
- Set a goal of reaching zero greenhouse gas emissions from electricity supplied to you by 2040
- Expanded financing to develop zero emission vehicle infrastructure, build more solar power and fuel cells, and reinforce our electric grid against the effects of climate change
- Sped up the timeline for the electrification of the state fleet of vehicles



IMPROVING ACCESS TO QUALITY HEALTHCARE

- Allowed pharmacists, in collaboration with your doctor, to adjust more medications without requiring as many in-person visits
- Established a statewide stroke registry
- Made \$12M available for tobacco use prevention and cessation
- Expanded screenings for breast and cervical cancer
- Increased funding to our specialty care hospitals
- Ensured more psychiatric treatment beds
- Created a new home visit pilot program for newborns
- Continued telehealth options