

Dear Neighbor,

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

Historic like more than \$650 million in tax cuts. Historic like our investment in the mental health of our children. Historic like our commitment to growing jobs and our economy. Historic like our commitment to growing jobs and our economy. Historic like a state budget that pays off millions in pension debt and continues our record rainy day fund while investing in Milford's 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,

Frank Smith

WORKING FOR MILFORD

In this, my first term, I have introduced and co-sponsored bills expanding telehealth services, increased mental health access, and provided additional support for seniors, schools and small businesses. I continue to advocate for coastal resiliency, environmental protection, animal rights and new investment in infrastructure and public health.



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STATE REPRESENTATIVE FRANK SMITH CAPITOL UPDATE 2022

2022 SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Cutting Taxes to Combat Historic Inflation
- Addressing Children’s Mental Health
- Supporting Environmental Initiatives and Coastline Resiliency
- Keeping CT safe with Juvenile Justice Reform
- Maintaining CT’s Fiscal Integrity for the Future



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
- ✔ Extends the gas tax cut
- ✔ Extends free bus service
- ✔ Ends tax on Social Security, pension, and annuity tax
- ✔ Invests in healthcare workers



IMPROVEMENTS FOR MILFORD

- Together with the city delegation, secured funding for the “Founder’s Walk” project at the harbor, as well as \$15 million in needed improvements at Pumpkin Delight School
- Directed the land conveyance to keep the Connecticut Audubon Society as custodian and conservator at Milford Point



EDUCATION & EARLY CHILDHOOD

- Ensured more districts will meet eligibility requirements for the federal School Breakfast Program
- Established new reimbursement grant to assist schools in upgrading their HVAC systems
- Expanded successful Birth to Three Program



PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

- 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
- Set a goal of reaching zero greenhouse gas emissions from generated electricity by 2040