

Dear Neighbor,

You'd never know this was the shortest "short session" in the modern era from the many important pieces of legislation we passed!

As chair of the The Public Health Committee, I spearheaded much of this year's critical legislation, including the signature bill of the session: A robust response to the children's mental health crisis. This crucial investment in our children's wellbeing expands effective mental health programs and increases children's access to mental health providers. I am proud I played a central role in securing this landmark accomplishment.

Further, we invested tens of millions of dollars to address HVAC system upgrades in schools, and mitigated lead poisoning. These environmental issues vitally impact our children. My colleagues and I also ensured opioid and tobacco settlement funds are allocated to ameliorating the damage these products wreak on our communities. We are continuing to reduce our carbon footprint and promoting the transition to electric vehicles. Finally, we passed a responsible, balanced budget, which invests in healthcare, pays down our pension obligations -- **and still cuts taxes!**

Thank you for placing your faith in me to represent you and do the right thing. I'm gratified to be in the position to make a real difference.

All my best,



A RESPONSIBLE BUDGET

- Paid down over \$3.6 billion in pension debt, saving the state budget over \$400 million annually
- Maintained a full capacity Rainy Day Fund of over \$3.5 billion
- Cut property taxes for retirees; ended pension and annuity taxes
- Extended the temporary gas tax cut
- Created a child tax rebate
- Invested in healthcare workers



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SAFEGUARDING WOMEN'S HEALTH RIGHTS

- Expanded eligibility to perform abortion care to include advanced nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, and physician assistants.
- Protected women and providers from anti-abortion laws in other states – CT will be a safe haven for women!
- Expanded screenings for breast and cervical cancer
- Established physician training and a plan to research endometriosis
- Ensured medical providers obtain consent before performing intimate exams



RESPONDING TO THE CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS

- Established 24/7 emergency mental health response system statewide
- Enabled mental health training for pediatricians, parents and students
- Provided grants to schools to hire mental health staff, including social workers, psychologists and counselors
- Created new regional “walk-in” facilities for mental health emergencies
- Established incentives to attract and keep mental health professionals in the state

PROTECTING THE PLANET

- Addressed environmental issues which impact our children: financing for school HVAC upgrades and lead poisoning identification/remediation
- Committed to zero greenhouse emissions from electricity by 2040
- Expanded financing for transition to EV vehicles and charging infrastructure
- Dedicated resources to address waste management crisis, including expansion of organics collection
- Incentivized school districts to invest in electric buses



GROWING OUR ECONOMY

- Lowered the business tax rate for unemployment insurance, effectively having the state cover federal loan repayments
- Established a JobsCT program, helping companies in targeted industries earn insurance premium rebates and tax credits for growing jobs
- Provided support for museums, theaters and other state attractions
- Created new student loan assistance programs to direct students to companies seeking skilled employees
- Increased work opportunities for young adults