

# Legislative Update

Thank you for allowing me the honor and privilege of representing you in the Connecticut General Assembly. As the legislature enters the final weeks of its session, I wanted to give you an update on some of the important issues that I've been working on at the State Capitol.

At the beginning of the year, I became the House chairman of the Judiciary Committee, a significant responsibility that I am honored to take on. In that role I've worked on legislation to keep our children safe, to improve our criminal justice system and protect victims of domestic violence. In addition, I now serve as a member of the Environment Committee.

As always, you may contact me with your questions or concerns or if you need help with state government at [William.Tong@cga.ct.gov](mailto:William.Tong@cga.ct.gov) or 1-800-842-8267.

Sincerely,



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## Tough Laws To Protect Our Children

As both a parent and a legislator, ensuring our children's safety is one of my most important responsibilities. In response to the disturbing events at Stamford High School, in which an administrator failed to report a sexual relationship between a student and teacher, I've written legislation that increases the penalties for teachers and administrators who do not report these relationships. Convictions for failure to report will now carry a felony instead of a misdemeanor and prohibit offenders from being reemployed by the school district. In addition, I'm working with legislators from Newtown to increase penalties for threatening schools with acts of violence, a problem that has plagued that community and could put children all over the state at risk.



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## Defending Your Personal Information

In the wake of the catastrophic data breach at Anthem Blue Cross, which has put thousands of state residents at serious risk for identity theft, I've helped spearhead bipartisan legislation that will help keep our personal information safe. Thanks to the leadership of Representative Caroline Simmons, a former staffer at the Department of Homeland Security, and Representative Livvy Floren, this legislation will enhance cooperation between the private and public sectors to protect your data. In addition, the legislature is working on legislation creating stronger requirements for state agencies and contractors to safe guard your personal information, safeguards that could have prevented the breach at Anthem.

### **Are you an Anthem Customer?**

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