

STATE REPRESENTATIVE GARY TURCO

Dear Neighbor,

While reducing the cost of living for all of Newington residents is a priority for me every day, our senior citizens, especially those on fixed incomes, needed immediate help. I went to work to answer that need in our senior community and I am proud to announce a major step in that direction.

Starting in 2019 many seniors will be exempt from state income tax on their social security and a portion of their pensions.

I will continue to work diligently to improve the quality of life here in Newington and to make sure our state is a great place for all residents to live, work and retire.

If you have a question or if I can support you in any way, please feel free to call my office at 860-240-8585 or email me at Gary.Turco@cga.ct.gov.

Sincerely,



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WORKING FOR NEWINGTON'S SENIORS

SOCIAL SECURITY AND PENSIONS NOW STATE INCOME TAX EXEMPT

Social Security will now be state income tax exempt if you make less than \$100,000 (married) or \$75,000 (individual) per year. If you make more than those amounts, 75% of your Social Security income is exempted from state income tax.

Beginning in 2019, a percentage of your pension or annuity will be exempted from state income taxes until 2025 when it will be 100% exempt (**see chart to right**), helping seniors afford to remain in CT. Qualifying income limits are \$75,000 for single filers or married people filing separately and \$100,000 for married people filing jointly.

<i>Tax Year</i>	<i>Percent of Pension and Annuity Income Exempt from Income Tax</i>
2019	14
2020	28
2021	42
2022	56
2023	70
2024	84
2025 and thereafter	100



REP. TURCO WITH CONSTITUENTS AT THE NEWINGTON SENIOR AND DISABLED CENTER

TACKLING DEMENTIA AND ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

In order to ensure the proper care for seniors, we modified continuing education requirements for physicians to include diagnosing and treating cognitive conditions, including Alzheimer's disease, dementia, delirium, related cognitive impairments and geriatric depression.

CHOICES PROGRAM

Need help understanding Medicare and other health insurance options? CHOICES is an information source for services available to people age 60 and over, and those with disabilities. You can contact a counselor at 1-800-994-9422 for information about your Medicare and health insurance coverage.