

LEGISLATIVE SESSION REVIEW

We have completed the 2022 Legislative Session, and it was historic. The budget we approved includes one of the largest tax cuts in Connecticut history at over \$650 million. Our budget plan CUTS YOUR TAXES by:

- Cutting state income taxes for retirees
- Lowering property taxes on homes and cars
- Establishing a state child tax credit worth \$250 per child
- Extending tax cuts for workers in low-paying jobs (EITC)
- Creating a state tax credit for childcare
- Extending the 25-cent gas tax cut at the pump to December

In addition, we made ground-breaking investments in children's mental health, increased funding in juvenile justice and anti-crime programs, and provided more money to Newington for education and town services. Please see the back side for more information on important bills passed and contact me with any questions.



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WOMEN'S HEALTH CARE

With the likely overturning of Roe v. Wade by the U.S. Supreme Court that protects a woman's reproductive rights, I am proud that the Connecticut General Assembly passed the Reproductive Freedom Defense Act, HB 5414, that enacts protections for individuals seeking and providing abortions. During these terrifying times, I will continue to fight for the right to choose.

We also passed landmark legislation to improve insurance for the early detection of breast cancer and ovarian cancer. SB 358 will help patients take control of their health and expand access to preventative services by covering up-to-date diagnostic and treatment services.

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH

This session, we focused on responding to the ongoing youth mental health crisis, which has been worsened by the COVID-19 pandemic. The legislation we passed, HB 5001, addresses the immediate and long-term mental health needs of our children by:

- Enhancing the behavioral health workforce
- Supporting school-based mental health services
- Expanding mental health treatment facilities across the state
- Supporting and expanding existing services
- Increasing access through insurance coverage

CLIMATE CHANGE

Connecticut residents deserve clean air, but transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions have contributed to worsening air quality leading to higher rates of illnesses like asthma. Investing and encouraging wide-scale electric vehicle distribution is necessary to reducing these emissions and ultimately, improving air quality. The Connecticut Clean Air Act accomplishes the following:

- Invests in electric charging infrastructure
- Provides tax rebates for e-bikes and electric motor vehicles
- Makes battery-powered transportation more practical and affordable for renters and lower-income commuters.
- Uses smart traffic lights
- Tightens deadlines for electrifying transit and bus fleets.

JUVENILE CRIME

I advocated strongly for comprehensive and bipartisan legislation, HB 5417, to help reduce car break-ins/thefts and other juvenile crime issues that began to rise at the start of the pandemic. This legislation increases accountability on those who commit crimes, provides additional tools to law enforcement and the courts, and improves services to prevent repeat offenders.

Like other states across the country, Connecticut has seen an increase in the theft of catalytic converters. We passed SB 256 to interrupt the process of profiting off stolen catalytic converters by aiding law enforcement in the tracking and identification of potential criminal activity.