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# 2021 Session Update

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This has been an interesting year to be a new legislator in the Connecticut General Assembly. As your State Representative, I wanted to highlight some of the accomplishments I am most proud of thus far:

- 1) As the Vice Chair of Children's Committee, I introduced a bill to make student access to mental health services more available in our state. The bill allows school districts to address this growing need in a way that best fits their district and schools. (HB 6509) I also helped craft legislation designed to protect our children and prevent child abuse. (HB 6113, 6399, 6511)
- 2) I voted strongly in favor of legislation to extend telehealth services for the next two years. (HB 5596)
- 3) As a way to support farms across the state, like Field View Farm in Orange, I voted for a bill to streamline the permit process for on-farm anaerobic digesters which breakdown food waste and manure to produce fertilizer, heat, and electricity. (HB 6503)
- 4) My concept, An Act Concerning Agriculture Education Programs, that will connect local farms with surrounding communities through outreach opportunities in partnership with UConn Extension, passed unanimously through the House and is headed to the Senate. (HB 6580)

Please reach out with any questions or concerns with which I can assist. I will continue to advocate for all of the residents of the 114th district.

*Mary*



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