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Thank YOU! YOU made a difference!

In my first year serving as your state representative, I received thousands of emails, texts and phone calls from you – constituents advocating for and against many issues. Knowing what was on your mind has allowed me to help to effectively direct the debate in the legislature. This postcard highlights a few of the issues where hearing from you made a big difference in the end result.

Thank you again for taking the time to advocate for these and other issues. If there are any concerns you think someone should be paying more attention to, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Here are a few of the issues where hearing from you made a big difference in the end result:

Marijuana

The General Assembly debated policy surrounding adult use cannabis in Connecticut. After hearing from constituents concerned about drug abuse and recovery, I, along with a group of legislators, pushed for increased funding toward proactive prevention policies that would be immediately implemented by the Dept. of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

While any drug abuse is dangerous, I voted for this legislation because legalizing adult use cannabis allows the state to:

- Regulate the strength of the product.
- Control packaging options to prevent targeting of minors.
- Protects consumers by ensuring dangerous or deadly additives are not present.



Telehealth

During the session, many people asked me to support extending telehealth services, which allows patients to access their health care providers through the telephone or a video conference. I supported legislation that continues to permit telehealth visits and allow insurance policies to cover them.

Juvenile Crime Prevention

During the last year, many towns have seen increased juvenile crime. I heard concerns from constituents and advocated for the changes already made to current laws to deter juvenile crime, such as:

- Mandating 24-hour staffing at records centers so police departments can research repeat offenders in real time.
- Making it a crime to entice a minor to commit criminal acts such as stealing cars for adults.
- Requiring the Judicial Branch to study ways to decrease time between a child's arrest and court appearance.

Some Proposed Actions:

- Increased funding to Dept. of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) to expand Regional Police Task Forces devoted to motor vehicle crimes.
- Expand REGIONS Program statewide to provide extended residential treatment for boys aged 14-18 years old.