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Dear Friends & Neighbors,

At the end of each session, I send this informational guide summarizing some of the work that we did at the state Capitol this year. The themes were focused on investing in our economy as we move out of the pandemic, cutting taxes, and addressing the mental health needs of our state.

Our workforce investments will be felt across all healthcare, manufacturing, and building trades - areas that have been especially hard hit with early retirements. We provided grants and low-interest loans to businesses needing help expanding and hiring more employees. We carefully selected \$650 million in new tax cuts while paying down our pension debt by over \$5.5 billion over the past two years. All while making sure Rocky Hill, Wethersfield, and Newington had increased funding in place for schools, mental health, and safety programs. This was all done with a balanced budget and coming in under our spending cap.

I wish you and your families a healthy and happy summer. Don't hesitate to reach out should you need to contact me.

All my best,



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## 2022 SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Addressing Children’s Mental Health Needs
- Cutting Taxes to Combat Historic Inflation
- Addressing Car and Catalytic Converter Thefts
- Making Connecticut More Affordable for Residents
- Creating Environmentally Conscious Initiatives
- Maintaining Connecticut’s Future Fiscal Integrity

## IMPROVING ACCESS TO QUALITY HEALTHCARE

- Expanded screenings for breast and cervical cancer
- Increased funding to our specialty care hospitals
- Ensure more treatment beds for people dealing with mental health issues
- Strengthened the state’s intervention and response to lead poisoning and prevention
- Created new home visit pilot for newborns
- Improved access to telehealth services
- Made \$12M available for tobacco prevention and cessation
- Established a statewide stroke registry

# I VOTED TO CUT YOUR TAXES

OUR STATE BUDGET INCLUDES

## \$650 MILLION IN TAX RELIEF

- ✔ Provided a Child Tax Rebate
- ✔ Cut the car tax mill rate
- ✔ Provided a Property Tax Credit
- ✔ Suspended the gas tax
- ✔ Ended income taxes on pensions and annuities
- ✔ Helped businesses pay the unemployment tax



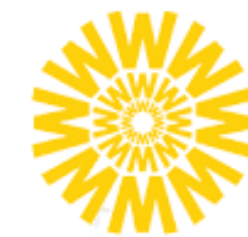
## COMMUNITY RESOURCES



Operation Fuel provides emergency energy and utility assistance to households in Connecticut that are facing financial crisis. To apply, visit: <https://opf.toapply.org/OPF> or call 860-243-2345.



To apply for your 2022 Connecticut Child Tax Rebate, visit: [egov.ct.gov/drschildrebateform](http://egov.ct.gov/drschildrebateform) or call the Department of Revenue Services at 860-297-5999.



The Women’s Business Development Council provides grants, training, counseling, financial education, and access to capital to both aspiring and established entrepreneurs. Contact the WBDC at (203) 353-1750 or visit: [ctwbdc.org](http://ctwbdc.org).



Your Connecticut registered vehicle is your Passport to Connecticut state parks and forests! Anyone in a Connecticut-registered vehicle can park free of charge at all state parks and forests year-round. For a list of state parks, visit: [ct.gov/deep/stateparks](http://ct.gov/deep/stateparks).



Free guided and self-guided tours of the state Capitol are available through the Connecticut League of Women Voters from Monday-Friday from 8:00 AM-5:00 PM. To set up a tour, call 860-240-0222.



Connecticut Summer at the Museum is returning for the 2022 summer season, enabling Connecticut children to receive free admission at more than 130 museums across the state during the summer months. For a list of museums, visit [www.ctvisit.com](http://www.ctvisit.com).