

Dear Neighbor,

I am proud to share some historic highlights from the 2022 legislative session.

Short sessions, like the one we had this year, are generally assumed to result in minor pieces of legislation. This year was different. We made \$650 million in tax cuts, made deep investments in the mental health of our children, committed ourselves to growing jobs and our economy, and crafted a state budget that pays off billions in pension debt and continues our record rainy day fund while investing in Hamden's schools, mental health, public safety and programs that work - all while honoring the spending cap.

We still face challenges. We are seeing inflation that disproportionately hits the wallets of the middle class and working poor, and housing prices that are making even modest homes unaffordable. That's why I fought hard to provide you with relief: increasing the property tax credit, phasing out taxes on retirement income, creating a childcare payment, and more.

I hope you find this newsletter packed with useful information. It is my pleasure to serve as your state representative.

All my best,



SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS

As the House Chairman of the Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee, I was proud to lead passage of a number of bills such as:

- Expanding the debt-free community college program to more first-time, part-time students (HB 5506)
- Establishing a student loan reimbursement program for in demand health care and mental health workers (HB 5506)
- Allowing high school graduates to access low-interest loans for attending occupational training programs. (SB 103)



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2022 SESSION HIGHLIGHTS:

- Addressing Children's Mental Health Needs
- Cutting Taxes to Combat Historic Inflation
- Keeping CT Safe with Juvenile Justice Reform
- Making CT More Affordable for Residents
- Creating Environmentally Conscious Initiatives
- Maintaining CT's Future Fiscal Integrity

I VOTED TO

CUT YOUR TAXES



OUR HISTORIC BUDGET:

- ✔ Creates a Child Tax Payment
- ✔ Cuts property taxes for retirees
- ✔ Cuts the car tax
- ✔ Extends the gas tax cut
- ✔ Extends free bus service
- ✔ Ends pension and annuity tax
- ✔ Invests in healthcare workers

OUR STATE BUDGET INCLUDES

\$650 MILLION IN TAX RELIEF FOR CONNECTICUT

MAKING CT MORE EQUITABLE

- Required most publicly owned facilities to provide free menstrual products (HB 5506)
- Created a Hate Crimes Investigation Unit within the State Police, while also improving data collection, reporting, and information sharing between departments. (PA 22-9)
- Established June 19th as Juneteenth Independence Day. This new state holiday will forever celebrate the independence of African Americans freed from slavery (SB 350)
- Limited the circumstances in which a felony disqualifies you from holding an occupational license and created a pre-approval process to check if a prior conviction disqualifies you before going through testing or training requirements (HB 5259)

STANDING UP FOR WORKERS

- Set a goal of reaching zero greenhouse gas emissions from electricity supplied to you by 2040 (PA 22-5)
- Expanded financing to develop zero emission vehicle infrastructure, build more solar power and fuel cells, and reinforce our electric grid against the effects of climate change (PA 22-6 & PA 22-14)
- Expanded eligibility for participation in the state's brownfield remediation program to include companies who lease a property with an intent to own. This will expand our efforts to help cities and towns address their brownfields (PA 22-68)

