

YOUR VOICE IN THE STATE HOUSE

As your State Representative, I look forward to continuing to serve you in the CT General Assembly in Hartford. It is my goal to make Connecticut a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

This session, I am tackling numerous bills on important issues. I have a proven track record of success and believe strongly in what I fight for.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance to you or your family. It is an honor to serve as your State Representative, and I look forward to hearing your feedback on how we can improve Connecticut for all of us.

Best,





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STATE REP ELLIOTT IS FIGHTING FOR:

Aid in Dying

This bill would provide a procedure for terminally ill patients to request medication to end their life. Eight states have enacted “aid in dying” laws: California, Colorado, Hawaii, Maine, New Jersey, Oregon, Vermont, and Washington. The proposal would only affect those with diagnoses of six months to live while in excruciating pain. This is a humane way to approach end of life decisions and is being considered thoughtfully. This is a humane way to approach end of life decisions and is being considered thoughtfully.

Ranked Choice Voting

Ranked choice voting (RCV) is an alternative electoral system where voters rank multiple candidates by preference. On the ballot, the voter indicates which candidate is their top choice, followed by their second and third, and so on until they have “ranked” every candidate or indicated the maximum number of preferences allowed by law. RCV also requires a candidate be elected with a majority of the vote (i.e., over 50%), generally making it a type of majority electoral system. Candidates receiving fewer votes are eliminated, and votes are redistributed based on the rankings to the remaining candidates to achieve the necessary majority.

Voting Rights for Incarcerated People

The cancellation of voting rights compounds the isolation of formerly incarcerated individuals from their communities. It is a deprivation of a fundamental right of living in our democracy. Further, civic participation has been linked with lower recidivism rates. Vermont and Maine never stripped these rights from people upon incarceration, and it is time for CT to join them.

Decriminalization of Psilocybin

While the medical use of psilocybin was punted last year, we can at the very least ensure that no one is incarcerated for possession of the drug. The criminalization of addiction and drug use has gone on far too long, and this is another step in a more humane direction.

Indexing Marginal Tax Brackets to Inflation

Bracket indexing is the adjustment of the marginal rates of income taxation in response to inflation, avoiding bracket creep. The process occurs when inflation drives income into higher tax brackets, resulting in a higher income tax burden with no real increase in buying power. This continues the work of fixing the tax code so that the middle class and working poor are not continuing to pay a higher percentage of their income than the wealthy in our state.