

STATE REPRESENTATIVE
LIZ LINEHAN

Dear Neighbors,

The 2019 legislative session ends June 5th. We are working on getting the right legislation over the finish line this year in order to improve the lives of Connecticut residents. My priorities include investing in manufacturing and job training, promoting social-emotional learning and suicide screening for our children, and creating a healthy environment.

I'm also focused on balancing short-term affordability with long-term sustainability, and that includes balancing the issue on tolls vs. bonding our transportation costs. Visit my website for an hour-long discussion with the Yankee Institute where we explain both.

In light of several tragedies in our community, I am also committed to supporting mental health and suicide screening in our schools. See inside for more information on HB 7215, also known as "Angelita's Law." It's an honor to work for our kids in her name.

Also, I'm happy to announce that because of a bill I co-authored and passed, the vast majority of Connecticut's seniors will pay no state income tax on their Social Security this year. As of January 1, 2019, Connecticut stopped collecting income taxes on Social Security for individuals having less than \$75,000 in annual income and couples having less than \$100,000 in annual income - the majority of seniors in Cheshire, Southington and Wallingford fall in this category. We're also phasing out tax on pensions and annuities by 14% per year until 2025, when all pension and annuity income will be exempt from state income taxation for those people under the income limits, to make it easier for you to retire in Connecticut.



**P.S. ONE OF THE BEST WAYS TO STAY UP-TO-DATE
IS BY SIGNING UP FOR MY E-BLASTS. SIGN UP ONLINE AT
www.housedems.ct.gov/Linehan
to get my legislative updates!**

PRSRST STD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
HARTFORD, CT
Permit No. 3937

STATE REPRESENTATIVE
LIZ LINEHAN
PROUDLY SERVING CHESHIRE, SOUTHINGTON, AND WALLINGFORD



STATE REPRESENTATIVE
LIZ LINEHAN

Phone: 860.240.8585 | e-mail: Liz.Linehan@cga.ct.gov
Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106



STATE REPRESENTATIVE LIZ LINEHAN



Sign up for my e-newsletter and other official updates at www.housedems.ct.gov/Linehan and follow me on Facebook

Phone: 860.240.8585 | e-mail: Liz.Linehan@cga.ct.gov

Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106

www.housedems.ct.gov/Linehan



I interviewed my friends at the Yankee Institute regarding the issue of electronic tolling vs. bonding and interest payments to fund transportation in Connecticut — both the pros and cons of this very complicated issue.

Check out my website for a link to watch online, or for air dates on Cox Cable and WPAA.

Reducing Prescription Costs

Prescription drug costs are unnecessarily rising, and I will continue to fight to reduce these prices. I've championed our towns' Drug Discount Programs, saving residents well over \$100,000 in prescription costs, and now I'm cosponsoring HB 7174, which requires our comptroller to create the Connecticut Prescription Drug Program. It will help participants pay the lowest possible cost on their prescriptions. People should never have to choose between food or paying the mortgage, and paying for medicine.

Safe School Climates - Angelita's Law

As Chair of the Committee on Children, I am proud to have authored a bill that will improve school climates for our children by promoting social-emotional learning, preventing bullying, and increasing suicide screening in our schools as early as third grade. The bill clarifies the definition of bullying, and creates a collaborative with the State Department of Education and other stakeholders to create model safe school climate policies, so local Boards of Education have an example to develop their own, while focusing on mental health, intervention, and safety. Our children need a safe environment in order to learn and grow, and this bill will help our state provide that.

Allowing Early Voting

Connecticut's constitution contains certain provisions regarding the administration of elections in CT, including the requirement of in person voting on Election Day. We seek to ease this restriction, because the more people who are able to vote, the stronger our democracy. I was proud to vote to put a question on the ballot in 2020 that, if approved, would amend the state constitution to allow for early voting. Now, if it passes the Senate, it's in your hands.



Creating a Healthy Environment

You have reached out to me in support of a statewide ban on fracking waste, and I heard you. I agree that no place in our state should be a dumping ground for fracking waste. Rather than working town by town, it's time to take massive action and put the ban in place across Connecticut.

Investing in Job Training

It is critical we have an efficient, effective workforce pipeline to meet the growing needs of Connecticut employers, as Connecticut's high-wage manufacturing sector is on the upswing with Labor Department reports showing increased demand for skilled manufacturing workers.

Each year, I host the Student to Manufacturers Connection Fair at the Capitol. We have connected over 1500 students to local manufacturers to begin pre-apprenticeships, as the state looks to fill 10,000 open jobs, some with a starting salary over \$65,000 and no student debt.

Supporting Small Businesses

I will continue to invest in and encourage the growth of local businesses by streamlining government services and expanding access to capital for small businesses. This will build upon the recent work we did implementing one-stop shopping and a dedicated business hotline at DECD.

