



Dear Neighbor,

I hope you and your loved ones are well. This newsletter is packed full of information from the 2022 legislative session.

As vice chairman of the Veterans' Affairs Committee, I've worked tirelessly to improve the living and working conditions for veterans. In addition, I worked to secure continued funding for the Waterbury MixMaster's repair project. Finally, I'm proud to report that we approved a state budget adjustment that ensures we live within our means and cuts taxes by more than \$650 million.

I know that there is lots of information to digest in these few pages, so please reach out to me with any questions.

It is my honor to serve as your state representative.

All the best,

## 2022 SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Addressing Children's Mental Health Needs
- Cutting Taxes to Combat Historic Inflation
- Keeping CT Safe with Juvenile Justice Reform
- Creating Environmentally Conscious Initiatives
- Maintaining CT's Future Fiscal Integrity
- Securing a \$3.1 Billion Rainy Day Fund



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## CAPITOL UPDATE 2022

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# I VOTED TO CUT YOUR TAXES

OUR STATE BUDGET INCLUDES

## \$650 MILLION IN TAX RELIEF

- ✔ Creates a Child Tax Credit
- ✔ Increases the property tax credit for Waterbury residents
- ✔ Cuts the car tax for Waterbury residents and small businesses
- ✔ Extends the gas tax cut
- ✔ Extends free bus service
- ✔ Ends pension and annuity taxes for seniors

### LARGEST TAX CUT IN STATE HISTORY

- Cut taxes by more than \$650 million
- Boosted state income tax credit for property owners from \$200 to \$300
- Increased the Earned Income Tax Credit for the 2023 tax year, cutting taxes for our neediest families
- Eliminated income taxes on annuities and pensions for retirees making less than \$75k/year and married couples making less than \$100K/year
- Secured a one-time child tax payment of \$250 per child, up to three children
- Reduced car taxes from 45 mills to 32.46 mills
- Suspended state gas tax until December 1, 2022

### SUPPORTING HEALTHCARE

- Continued telehealth options
- Expanded screenings for breast and cervical cancer
- Established a statewide stroke registry

#### Responding to the Children's Mental Health Crisis:

- Provided grants to local schools to hire more support staff in the areas of mental health: social workers, psychologists, counselors, and family therapists
- Created new walk-ins for mental health emergencies
- Expanded 24/7 emergency mental health response

### PUBLIC SAFETY INITIATIVES

Your safety is of the utmost importance to me, which is why I fought to secure money to protect Waterbury's streets and for police officers who work overtime to keep our community safe. Waterbury has seen an uptick in catalytic converter thefts, so I worked to make it harder to resell them, deterring thieves. Additionally, we passed new laws that:

- Created a Hate Crimes Investigation Unit within the State Police, while also improving data collection, reporting, and information sharing between departments (PA 22-9)
- Adopted higher fire department equipment standards and better data collection on the prevalence of cancer among firefighters, and secured more local funding for firefighters who leave service with a cancer diagnosis (PA 22-139)
- Expanded use of GPS monitoring for repeat offenders, which adds additional accountability, including immediate detention if there is a failure to comply
- Toughened penalties for vehicle thefts (PA 22-118)
- Funded state and local task forces to address gun violence and auto thefts (PA 22-118)
- Secured over \$50,000 for security upgrades to the Yeshiva School and \$10,000 for a local Youth Services grant
- Passed legislation for firearm crimes to be extended up to five years



### DELIVERING FOR WATERBURY

<b>LoCIP (Local Capital Improvement Project)</b>	<b>\$1,333,538</b>
<b>Local Maintenance And Street Paving</b>	<b>\$1,065,446</b>
<b>Grants For Waterbury Projects</b>	<b>\$4,435,498</b>
<b>Education Cost Sharing</b>	<b>\$164,131,453</b>
<b>PILOT (Payment In Lieu of Taxes)</b>	<b>\$9,388,276</b>
<b>Waterbury Police Department</b>	<b>\$430,385</b>
<b>Total State Funds to Waterbury</b>	<b>\$180,784,596</b>

### INVESTING IN STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

- Extended the renewal time for teaching certificates (PA 22-38)
- Established a new reimbursement grant to assist schools in upgrading their HVAC systems, and ensured regular inspections and reporting on their operation (PA 22-118)
- Expanded the debt-free community college program to more first-time, part-time students (PA 22-118)
- Worked to create the Waterbury Promise Initiative, which is a partnership between Waterbury public schools and the University of Connecticut to allow high school students who meet the academic criteria to attend the UConn Waterbury branch
- Expanded the Manufacturing Pipeline program (PA 22-118)
- Supported eliminating dual instruction for teachers
- Added a mandatory 30 minute lunch break for teachers