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Dear Neighbor,

It has been an honor and a privilege representing you for another two years in the General Assembly in Hartford.

This session has been historic in what we have accomplished. We made the biggest tax cuts in Connecticut's history to put more money back into your pockets. We established a fully funded, first-of-its-kind mental health program to ensure all our kids are safe and have the resources they need. We offered additional relief to local businesses and restaurants so they can keep their doors open despite facing numerous challenges throughout the pandemic.

All our efforts this year work to make life easier for you, even in the face of historically high inflation rates. I am proud to make these critical investments in our community while maintaining Connecticut's fiscal responsibility and integrity for the future. In the last two years, we have paid off \$5.1 billion of long term pension liabilities, which will save Connecticut tax payers up to \$440 million, annually, in debt servicing costs.

I hope you find this newsletter packed with useful information. Please reach out to me with any questions that you have.

Kind regards,



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RESPONDING TO CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS

- Provided grants to local schools to hire more support staff and increase access to care in the areas of mental health: social workers, psychologists, and counselors
- Funded the expansions of school-based health centers and the services they provide and helped them develop new mental health programming
- Initiated a new position at the Office of the Healthcare Advocate to help families navigate care for children and adolescents
- Expanded 24/7 emergency mental health response

FIGHTING CLIMATE CHANGE AND PROTECTING CONNECTICUT'S ENVIRONMENT

- Set a goal of reaching zero greenhouse gas emissions from electricity supplied to you by 2040
- 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
- Expanded eligibility for participation in the state's brownfield remediation program to include companies who lease a property with an intent to own which will expand our efforts to help cities and towns address their brownfields
- Explored new waste management programming
- Created new incentives for consumer and commercial electric vehicles
- Supported developing carbon-neutral plans for new transportation projects
- Made it easier for renters and condo owners to install electric charging stations and solar panels

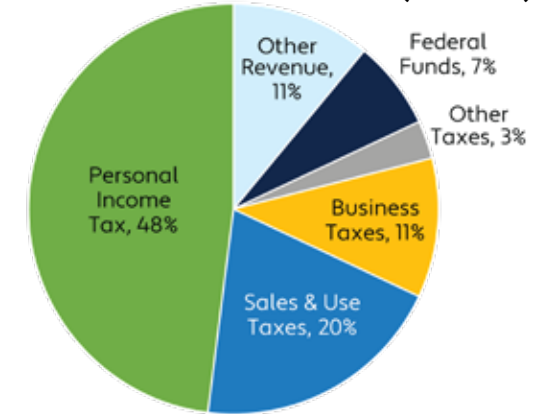
SUPPORTING EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD INITIATIVES

- Doubled grants to school districts for bilingual education
- Established a new reimbursement grant to assist schools in upgrading their HVAC systems, and ensured regular inspections and reporting on their operation
- Fully state-funded the new Norwalk high school, saving Norwalk taxpayers millions
- Increased funding for infant and toddler care programs
- Increased pay to childcare workers to attract and retain more educators

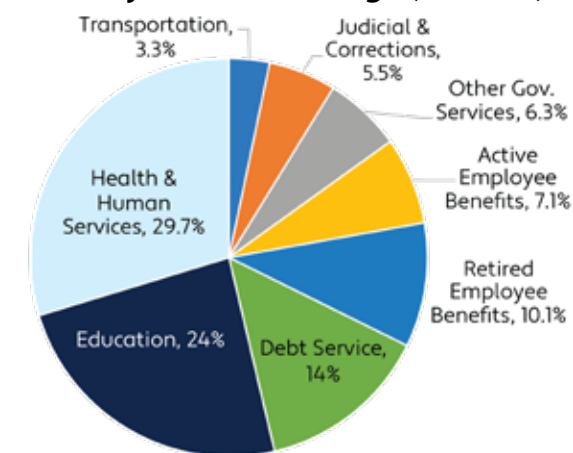
CONNECTICUT CONTINUES TO IMPROVE OUR FISCAL HOUSE

- Cut taxes by over \$650 million
- Increased 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 pension and annuity taxes for retirees making less than \$75k/year if single and \$100k/year if married
- Secured one-time child tax credit of \$250 per child for up to three children
- Expanded student loan payment tax credit, allowing more employers to assist their workers with loan repayment
- Cut state gas tax to zero and expanded free bus services through December 1, 2022
- Eliminated admissions tax at movie theaters

Sources of State Revenue (\$24.76B)



Where your tax dollars go (\$24.19 B)



FIGHTING FOR WOMEN & REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

Our state remains a safe haven for an individual's right to choose. We set the standard in the nation on reproductive rights by bolstering and establishing protections for those seeking abortions and those who provide such services. We have:

- Expanded eligibility to perform abortion care to include advanced nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, and physician assistants
- Blocked Texas and other aggressive states from targeting Connecticut patients, doctors and advocates
- Protected individuals from extradition to other states for seeking, providing, or assisting others in obtaining reproductive healthcare that is legal in Connecticut
- Expanded insurance coverage for screenings of breast and cervical cancer
- Created new home visit pilot program for newborns

GROWING CONNECTICUT'S ECONOMY

- Lowered the business tax rate for unemployment insurance, effectively making the federal loan repayment for the coming year on behalf of businesses
- Established JobsCT program - helping companies in target industries earn rebates against insurance premiums and state taxes for meeting job targets
- Made direct investments in community nonprofits and support to museums, theaters and other Connecticut attractions
- Created additional student loan assistance programs
- Increased work opportunities for young adults
- Provided parents and students with more occupational opportunities and helped schools partner with more local businesses
- Expanded the debt-free community college program to more first-time, part-time students
- Allowed high school graduates to access low-interest loans for attending occupational training programs

