

Dear Neighbor,

This year we looked to the future and invested in parts of our community damaged by the pandemic.

Statewide, we identified children’s mental health and early childcare as critical needs.

In addition, in New Haven, we expanded Latino Behavioral Health at Connecticut Mental Health Center (CMHC) and added modest increases to Neighborhood Music School and Westville Village. Also, I secured funding to begin planning and design for replacement of inadequate pipes on Forest Road which was eligible for federal infrastructure dollars.

I serve as Deputy Majority Leader, chair the health subcommittee on Appropriations, and serve on Environment and Judiciary.

I’m grateful for your input, and for the opportunity to serve. Stay healthy and safe.

All my best,

PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

- **New Haven:** Added \$800,000 for **Edgewood Park** improvements
- **Clean air:** Reduced emissions from medium and heavy-duty vehicles by having 30% Zero Emissions Vehicle (ZEV) sales in Connecticut by 2030, 100% ZEV’s by 2050
- **Pesticides:** Banned chlorpyrifos on golf courses due to negative impacts on children’s health, and on birds, freshwater fish, and estuarine organisms
- **Fish:** Set daily catch limits on some forage and bait fish; expanded sophisticated testing of shellfish



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STATE REPRESENTATIVE PAT DILLON CAPITOL UPDATE 2022

2022 SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Addressed Children's Mental Health Needs
- Created Environmentally Conscious Initiatives
- Provided support to arts, museums, theaters and other attractions
- Saw PILOT funds to New Haven more than double - from \$41.7 million to \$91.5 million



At Edgewood Market

PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN

- Increased funding for infant and toddler care programs
- Funded \$2 million bonding to restore 1377 Ella Grasso Boulevard for early childcare expansion of Montessori on Edgewood
- Provided grants to local schools for support staff in mental health: social workers, psychologists and counselors
- Expanded school-based health centers
- Created new walk-ins for mental health emergencies
- Expanded 24/7 emergency mental health response



'Wheels on the Bus' at Montessori on Edgewood



Handing out masks and test kits in the Hill

IMPROVING HEALTHCARE

Women's health

- Expanded screenings for breast and cervical cancer
- Required most publicly owned facilities to provide free menstrual products
- Added Family Support Program dollars for women veterans
- Insulated providers of reproductive health care from out of state lawsuits

Family and adult mental health

- Increased funds to non profits like Fellowship Place
- Expanded Latino behavioral health outreach

Set aside \$12 million for tobacco prevention

OUR STATE BUDGET INCLUDES
**\$650 MILLION
IN TAX RELIEF
FOR CONNECTICUT**

- 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
- Added a one-time childcare rebate of \$250 per child, up to three children
- Capped car taxes at 32.46 mills. New Haven is now at 43.8 mills



At the Capitol with Marrakech



Celebrating Prince's birthday in the district



At Westville Village Artwalk

SUPPORT FOR THE FOOD INSECURE

- Added \$3 million to Meals on Wheels
- \$30 million backstop for Summer Meals and free school lunch - pending Federal action
- Senior malnutrition: assess the nutritional needs of seniors, ensure our state provides nutrition to those who need it
- Assessing and addressing student food insecurity at public colleges and universities

PREVENTING VIOLENCE AND CRIME

- Created Office of Gun Violence Prevention
- Funded "boots on the ground" programs and youth service bureaus
- Made it harder to resell catalytic converters
- Funded state and local task forces to address gun violence and auto thefts

FAIRNESS AND JUSTICE

- Limited the circumstance in which a past felony disqualifies you from holding an occupational license
- Increased health care coverage to children up to age 12 regardless of immigration status
- Established June 19th as Juneteenth Independence Day
- Required the teaching of Asian American and Pacific Islander studies in public schools