



Dear friends,

The legislature was busy and productive this past session. Our budget benefited from a state surplus, and our policy work benefited from your activism and specific suggestions.

Much of the surplus is dedicated by law to paying down pension obligations, but we also funded some critical needs such as access to healthcare, environmental initiatives, gun prevention programs, and new grants to nonprofits.

On policy, I continued ongoing work, adding focus on specifics of road safety.

In addition, as a member of the Environment Committee, I worked to clarify New Haven's Environmental Justice eligibility. I'm excited about future progress in this area.

I've reported here on several key areas and am working on the "to do" list for next year. Thank you for your own contributions to our community. It's an honor to serve you.

Sincerely,

Patricia Dillon

FUNDING INCREASES TO NEW HAVEN

	FY 2023	FY 2024
CITY FUNDING	\$125,408,821	\$128,788,250 (+\$3,379,429)
EDUCATION FUNDING	\$166,659,005	\$168,584,315 (+\$1,925,310)



NEW LAWS IN CT: A YEAR IN REVIEW

FROM STATE REPRESENTATIVE PAT DILLON

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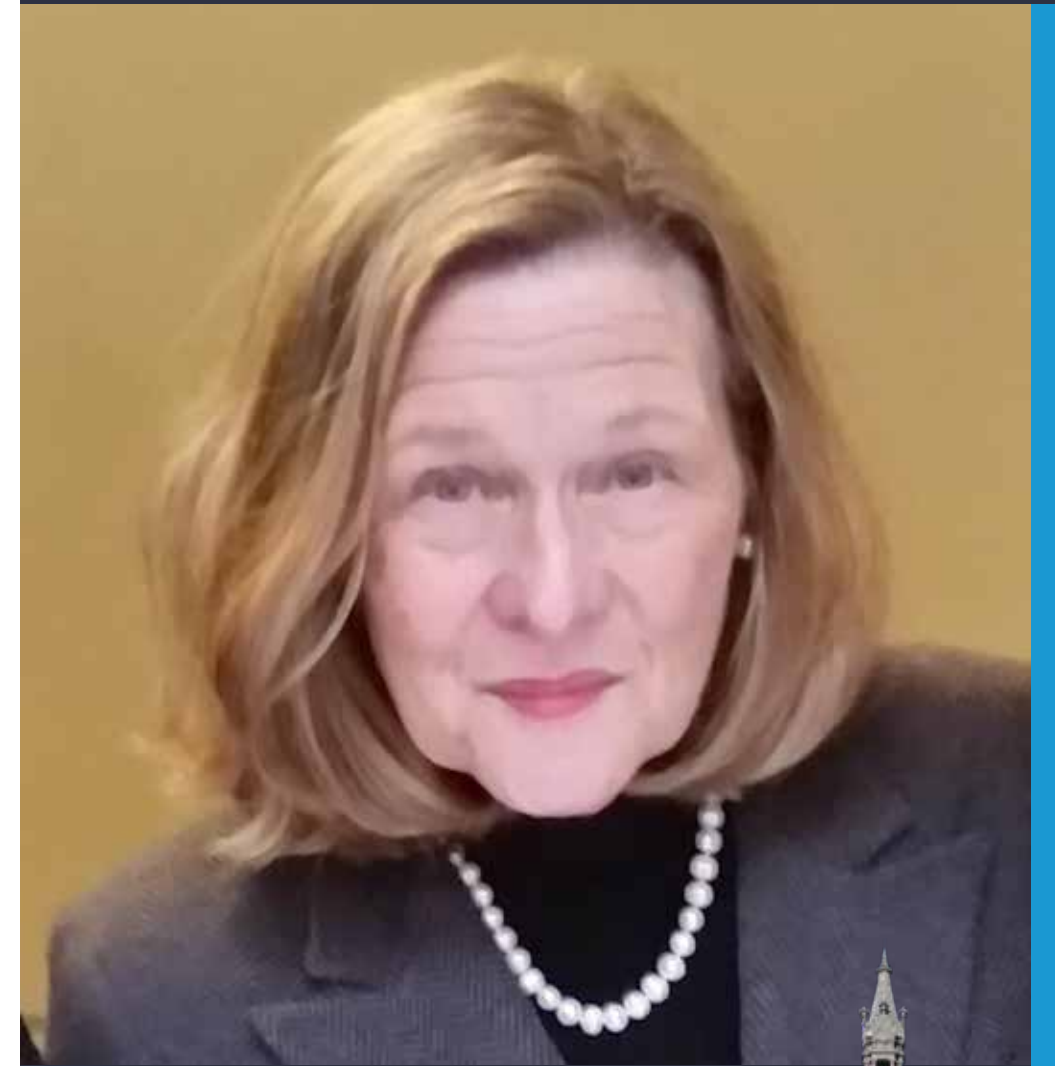
CAPITOL UPDATE 2023

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SESSION UPDATE

2023-2024

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INVESTMENTS IN NEW HAVEN

- * New dollars for New Haven: Over \$5 million in increased funding added to the over \$50 million in new PILOT funding from two years ago
- * Increased EITC (Earned Income Tax Credit) and cut income tax for taxpayers
- * Funding for arts, museums, community nonprofits
- * Municipal pension reform that saves dollars for towns
- * Funded the Baby Bonds program which sets aside money for kids born on Medicaid to use when they turn 18 for school, housing, or starting a business



2023 SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

STRENGTHENING FOOD SECURITY

- * Added state supplement to food vouchers for pregnant moms (WIC) and seniors
- * Secured nearly \$4 million over the next two years to increase the amount of locally sourced food in our schools
- * Increased funding for elderly nutrition programs like Meals on Wheels
- * Created a statewide Food Access Coordinator

EXPANDED ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE

- * **DDS:** New dollars for wait-list for developmental services and employment opportunities
- * **Pharmacists:** Can administer COVID, flu, and HIV test, and can write prescriptions for preventative HIV treatment
- * **Women's Health:** Pharmacists can now prescribe emergency contraceptives; institutions of residential public higher education must develop a plan by January 1, 2024, for students' need for reproductive health care

REDUCING INJURY AND DEATH FROM FIREARMS

- * A bipartisan measure closed loopholes on gun storage, expanded our assault weapons ban, banned 'ghost guns' that lack serial numbers needed by law enforcement to solve crime
- * Added dollars for gun violence prevention, community violence prevention

MAKING OUR ROADS SAFER

- * Increased fines for driving heavy duty vehicles on Wilbur Cross
- * Adopted Vision Zero recommendations
- * DOT will conduct a safety audit on upper Whalley Ave to increase pedestrian safety
- * Adopted measures to prevent wrong way drivers



PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

MITIGATION OF FLOODING:

- * \$590,000 for plan to prevent flooding in lower Westville Village
- * \$1 million for homes damaged by flooding

TIRES:

CT became the first state in the country to enact extended producer responsibility for tires. This will reduce clutter, save city dollars for removal, help reduce blockage of West River. Removing tires from waterways also protects fish species because tire tread particles turn streams toxic to some fish

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE:

Permits for factories, waste plants, and other polluters can be denied or have conditions placed on them if proposed in locations with historically high levels of pollution

PROTECTING WILDLIFE:

- * Banned hand-harvesting of horseshoe crabs
- * Protected migratory birds by requiring state-owned and leased buildings to turn off unnecessary outdoor lighting



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