



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Short sessions move very quickly, but this one proved to be historic in what we were able to accomplish.

We passed more than \$650 million in tax cuts for CT residents and made vital investments in the mental health of our children. We increased our commitment to growing jobs and our economy as we emerge from the pandemic.

This state budget pays down \$3.6 billion in pension debt, continues to build our record \$3.1 billion rainy day fund, while also investing in schools, public safety and programs that will benefit CT families.

Nationally, we set the standard by bolstering and establishing protections regarding reproductive choice, which is significant given the overturning of Roe v Wade.

I know that even with all this progress, we still face significant challenges. Inflation is impacting our wallets with rising housing, food, gas and energy costs. That's why I fought hard to provide you with relief by increasing the property tax credit, phasing out the state income tax on retirement income, creating a childcare rebate, cutting the gas tax and more.

I hope you find the information in this newsletter helpful. It truly is an honor to represent you at the state capitol and please always feel free to reach out to me regarding any concerns that you and your family may have.

Sincerely,



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2022 CAPITOL UPDATE

GROWING CT'S ECONOMY

- Lowered the business tax rate for unemployment insurance
- Established JobsCT program to incentivize companies with tax rebates to grow in CT
- Made investments in community nonprofits & providers to help with inflation
- Passed legislation that helps restaurants keep their doors open by extending permits for outdoor dining
- Expanded the successful Manufacturing Pipeline program

FIGHTING FOR EQUITY

- Increased business development funding for minority-owned businesses
- Settled longtime Sheff desegregation lawsuit
- Expanded minority teacher scholarships
- Increased funding for bilingual education
- Invested in affordable housing
- Created an office on gun violence prevention
- Established June 19th as a state holiday for Juneteenth Independence Day

REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

- Protects individuals from extradition to other states for seeking, providing, or assisting others in obtaining reproductive health care that is legal in CT
- Protected medical privacy by preventing the disclosure of medical information related to reproductive healthcare that is legal in Connecticut
- Expanded eligibility to perform abortion care to include advanced nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, and physician assistants

A RESPONSIBLE STATE BUDGET THAT CUTS TAXES

- ✔ Ends Pensions and Annuity Tax
- ✔ Increases Property Tax Credit to \$300
- ✔ Creates a Child Tax Credit
- ✔ Extends the gas tax cut
- ✔ Extends free bus service
- ✔ Expands student loan payment tax credits

19TH DISTRICT BUDGET SUMMARY FISCAL YEAR 2023

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| Tiered Pilot | \$5,427,115 |
| Town Aid Road | \$1,375,700 |
| Education Cost Sharing | \$23,958,024 |
| Total State Funds 19th District | \$34,206,929 |
| Increase from FY 22 | \$1,273,325 |



GOOD NEWS FOR THE 19TH DISTRICT

Thanks to our legislative advocacy, the 19th District will receive extra state funding for The Noah Webster House, Avon Senior Center, Farmington High School construction, and new tennis courts at Conard and Hall High Schools.

HISTORIC CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH LEGISLATION PASSES

This session I was very proud to have authored and led the floor debate on what truly is transformative Children's Mental Health legislation. HB 5001, which I championed will:

Fund a new Intensive Outpatient Program: By partnering with Wheeler Clinic to serve children with depression, anxiety, self-harm, substance abuse and more; opening immediately.

Expand Access: By creating grant programs to hire school mental health professionals and programs; eliminate prior authorization for in-patient beds; added in-patient beds at Connecticut Children's; create funds to cover medications and in-home treatments.

Bring Doctors to CT: Through a Psychiatrist Recruitment and Retention Fund, student loan reimbursement for psychiatric providers, license reciprocity with other states, and expanded Telehealth availability.

Provide for Early Mental Health Intervention: With a Mental Health Screening Tool for use by pediatricians at yearly visits and in emergency departments; provides Adolescent Mental Health Continuing Education for pediatricians; funds 211 Emergency Mobile Psychiatric Service for 24 hours a day, 7 days a week; and paves way for a nationwide suicide hotline (9-8-8) access.



SUPPORTING OUR SENIORS

- Regulated temporary nursing service agencies through the DPH to prevent staff shortages and price gouging in nursing homes
- Approved over \$20 million in new grants to fund Senior centers, expand Meals on Wheels, and Alzheimer's Respite Care
- Reduced the required time period to report suspected elder abuse

PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

- Set a goal of reaching zero greenhouse gas emissions from electricity supplied by 2040
- Created new incentives for electric vehicles, required installation of electric chargers at new state and commercial buildings and exempted electric charging stations from the property tax
- Expanded financing to develop zero emission vehicle infrastructure and build more solar power and fuel cells