

# STATE REPRESENTATIVE AMY MORRIN BELLO

Dear Friends,

I am honored to be your State Representative and am proud of all we accomplished during this year's General Assembly session, including passing a bipartisan budget and the introduction of over 3000 bills. We worked to create laws that make Connecticut a leader when it comes to protecting your health, consumer habits, and rights.

The 2022 Legislative Session will be a short session with the work of the biennial budget complete. I will continue to focus on voting rights and safe, fair elections; bringing back our economy; healthcare, education and public safety safeguards; and protecting our environment.

I encourage you to reach out to me to share your views on matters facing Connecticut and hope you will email or call me with questions, suggestions or comments.



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# LOOKING OUT FOR CONNECTICUT RESIDENTS

## Health

- Fought for better age verification and ID checks when buying vaping products online
- Raised awareness of child sex abuse and required comprehensive background checks for athletic leagues and youth camps
- Fought for better youth risk assessments for victims of adult sex abuse
- Created new training for athletic coaches to better understand the effects of heat illness
- Fought for better mental health services on college campuses

## Equality

- Put community violence prevention programs on a path to sustainable funding and growth in our state – to serve more victims of gun violence and their families
- Declared racism a public health crisis and created a Commission on Racial Equity tasked with eliminating health disparities
- Joined seven states prohibiting discrimination on the basis of natural hair and texture historically associated with race
- Strengthened the rights of families who are not biologically related and for parents who have children through the assistance of donors
- Strengthened rights for the deaf, deafblind and hard of hearing

## Higher Education

- Improved sexual misconduct reporting, data collection, and the response to sexual assaults on CT college campuses
- Fully funded free community college, allowing students to work on their Associates Degree without having to pay tuition out of pocket
- Banned the charging of extra graduation fees at CT colleges and universities

## Online Protection

- Cracked down on online harassment with tougher penalties
- Required more companies to protect your personal data
- Strengthened our laws on cyber security and identity and data theft

## Insurance & Utilities

- Secured new utility protections for residential customers that ban cancellation fees by electric companies and unpredictable variable rates
- Lowered prescription drug costs by requiring manufacturing discounts go to the consumer and not the insurance company
- Required insurance companies to provide a clear explanation of what they actually cover
- Ensured dental coverage for kids through their parent's plans, up to age 26
- Set minimum standards for long-term care Insurance
- Continued coverage for, and access to, telehealth



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