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Dear Neighbor,

As we face new and unprecedented challenges in the world, we need to continue to join together in working with one another to build a government that is a source of inspiration and growth. There are no words to express how deeply grateful I am to represent our resilient and diverse district. Without question, it is the most tremendous honor to serve you in the Connecticut General Assembly.

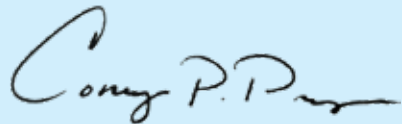
The pandemic has presented numerous challenges and exacerbated existing institutional inequities. Throughout the 2021 session, my colleagues and I addressed these new challenges and the existing inequities by passing over 350 bills and resolutions.

I am very much aware that the past year has been difficult for each individual and family in our community. However, I am confident that the legislation passed in Hartford will empower everyone in our district and usher in new progress on key issues pertinent to your everyday lives.

This session provided an exciting start to me representing you in Hartford. I proudly advocated for equitable public health policies, increased access to mental health resources and additional support for our seniors, schools, and small businesses. I also worked with my colleagues to pass a bipartisan budget that will strengthen our economy and invest in our infrastructure, sustainability efforts, and education. My commitment to public service is centered on fighting to ensure Stamford will see an increase in funding in both Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023 through this budget. I am confident that these state investments will see our community recover and thrive as we move out of this pandemic and return to normalcy.

Please continue reading for more information on legislative highlights and resources developed this session that will benefit your family, our district, and our state.

Best,



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SUPPORTING HEALTHCARE, YOUTH, AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- Provided new health care coverage to 40,000 low-income residents and families regardless of immigration status
- Ensured dental coverage for kids through their parents plans, up to the age of 26
- Provided legal representation if you're facing eviction
- Created a new pilot program with resources to move closer to your child's charter or magnet school
- Strengthened the rights of families who are not biologically related and for parents who have children through the assistance of donors
- Increased protections on homes, cars, and bank accounts when someone falls into debt
- Created a new workforce pipeline program for individuals with disabilities
- Expanded childcare services for parents who are working on their education
- Fully funded free community college – meaning students can work on their Associates Degree without having to pay tuition out of pocket
- Waived application fees to apply to CT colleges and universities on a special day each year
- Allowed student athletes to make money from their name, image and likeness
- Provided more low-income families a break on their state income tax through the Earned Income Tax Credit
- Cut the sales tax on breastfeeding supplies
- Eliminated state income taxes on IRA income over time, beginning in the 2023 tax year



BUDGET 2022-23

STATE AID TO STAMFORD	FISCAL YEAR 21	FISCAL YEAR 22
EDUCATION COST SHARING	\$13,590,585	\$14,780,084
PILOT PROGRAM	\$2,551,228	\$6,518,049
TOTAL	\$18,895,996	\$24,062,281

A DEMOCRACY THAT WORKS FOR ALL OF US

- Voters will get to decide in 2022 if we should have early, in-person voting and in 2024 they'll decide if every registered voter in CT should be able to vote by absentee ballot
- Ended prison gerrymandering – the practice of counting prisoners as if they were registered voters when determining what districts our elected officials represent
- Restored voting rights for individuals in community facilities or on parole
- Guaranteed two hours off from work to vote in state and federal elections
- Paved the way for permanent drop boxes for absentee ballots
- Protected voters' personal information

FIGHTING FOR EQUALITY

- Diversified our juries
- Declared racism a public health crisis and created a Commission on Racial Equity tasked with eliminating health disparities
- Approved better rates on student loans for teachers in Alliance Districts
- CT joined seven states in making it illegal to discriminate based on hair texture and protective hairstyle ("CROWN ACT")

PUTTING OUR CHILDREN FIRST

- Raised awareness of child sex abuse and required comprehensive background checks at athletic leagues and youth camps
- Increased awareness of behavioral and mental health services for children when they are discharged from a hospital and required the posting of the same information on school websites
- Strengthened laws on sex trafficking and made it easier for victims to restart their lives with a clean record
- Fought for better mental health services on college campuses
- Banned surprise graduation fees at CT colleges and universities