

Dear Neighbor,

I am proud to share some highlights from the historic 2022 legislative session. It was historic most notably for the \$650 million in tax cuts – likely the largest single year tax cuts in state history. We also made huge investments in education, mental health initiatives, public safety, and our environment - all while honoring the spending cap, paying off billions in pension debt, and continuing to keep our rainy day fund at record levels.

Personally, I worked hard on the Judiciary Committee, the Finance Revenue and Bonding Committee, and as the House Chair of legislature’s Banking Committee. I am particularly proud of a historic bill we passed out of the Banking Committee to eliminate excessive overdraft fees and other charges on bank accounts (PA 22-77). All in all, it was a very successful legislative session.

That’s not to say we aren’t facing challenges. We are seeing inflation that hits everyone’s wallets and housing prices that are pricing many out of even modest homes. That’s why I fought hard to provide you with relief: increasing the property tax credit, phasing out taxes on retirement income, creating a childcare rebate, cutting the gas tax and more.

I hope you find this newsletter informative. It is my pleasure to serve as your state representative. Please reach out to me any time with any questions, comments or suggestions.

All my best,

EXPANDING ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE

- We passed the strongest law in the nation protecting reproductive rights. It protects medical privacy by preventing the disclosure of medical information related to reproductive healthcare and protects individuals from extradition to other states for seeking, providing, or assisting others in obtaining reproductive healthcare that is legal in Connecticut. (PA 22-19)
- We passed a series of bills to support children’s mental health and wellbeing by increasing access to mental health care programs and providers, including increased funding to schools to expand mental health staff and access to care. (PA 22-47, PA 22-80, PA 22-81)
- Made \$12M available for tobacco prevention and cessation. (PA 22-118)
- Strengthened the state’s intervention and response to lead poisoning and prevention. (PA 22-49)
- Expanded screenings for breast and cervical cancer. (PA 22-90)
- Expanded access to telehealth options. (PA 22-118)



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STATE REPRESENTATIVE JASON DOUCETTE'S CAPITOL UPDATE 2022

2022 SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Addressing Children's Mental Health Needs
- Cutting Taxes to Combat Historic Inflation
- Public Safety Initiatives
- Bolstering Reproductive Freedoms
- Fighting Climate Change
- Maintaining CT's Fiscal Integrity
- Expanding Voting by Absentee Ballot



I VOTED TO CUT YOUR TAXES



OUR STATE BUDGET INCLUDES

\$650 MILLION IN TAX RELIEF

- ✔ Creates a Child Tax Credit
- ✔ Cuts property taxes for retirees
- ✔ Cuts the car tax
- ✔ Extends the gas tax cut
- ✔ Extends free bus service
- ✔ Ends pension and annuity tax
- ✔ Invests in healthcare workers



PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

- Passed the Connecticut Clean Air Act which creates new incentives for electric vehicles, incentivizes school districts to use electric school buses, expanded financing to develop zero emission vehicle infrastructure, build more solar power and fuel cells, and reinforce our electric grid against the effects of climate change. (PA 22-25)
- Set a goal of reaching zero greenhouse gas emissions from electricity supplied to you by 2040. (PA 22-5)
- Secured millions of new dollars for the preservation of open space in Manchester and Glastonbury and for improvements to Center Springs Park. (PA 22-118)



IMPROVING PUBLIC SAFETY

- Made it harder to resell catalytic converters. (PA 22-43)
- Passed an historic overhaul of juvenile justice laws which provides for earlier interventions and tougher penalties with repeat offenders who commit serious crimes while investing millions in diversionary programs, Youth Service Bureaus, and Juvenile Review Boards. (PA 22-115)
- Funded state and local task forces to address gun violence and auto thefts. (PA 22-115)
- Passed domestic violence and sexual abuse awareness and prevention initiatives. (PA 22-82)



CUTTING TAXES AND INVESTING IN OUR TOWNS (PA 22-118)

- Cut taxes by over \$650 million.
- Increased state income tax credit for property owners from \$200 to \$300.
- Eliminated pension and annuity taxes for retirees making less than \$100k/year.
- Secured one-time childcare rebate of \$250 per child, up to three children.
- Capped car taxes at 32.46 mills.
- Cut state gas tax to zero through December 1, 2022.
- Secured millions in state funding for Manchester and Glastonbury including funding for Manchester High School's manufacturing apprenticeship program.