

# STATE REPRESENTATIVE RON NAPOLI JR.

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Dear Neighbor,

I hope you and your loved ones are well. The last year and a half has produced unprecedented challenges for all residents of our communities. Throughout the 2021 legislative session, my colleagues and I worked to address these issues and many others by passing over 350 bills and resolutions.

As your state representative, my number one goal is to make sure that you and everyone in our community is safe and healthy. That is why I supported and fought for legislation that created equitable public health policies, increased access to mental health resources, and strengthened support for our seniors, schools, and small businesses. I also worked with my colleagues to pass a bipartisan budget that cuts taxes, invests in our critical infrastructure, like the Waterbury Mixmaster, and provides greater funding for public education. As a result, Waterbury will see an increase in funding in both Fiscal Year 2022 and 2023. I am confident that these state and federal investments will see our community recover and thrive as we move out of this pandemic and prepare for future challenges.

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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## A STRONGER WORKING CLASS

- Provided more low-and middle-income families a break on their state income tax through the Earned Income Tax Credit (SB 1202)
- Created a new workforce pipeline program for individuals with disabilities (SA 21-10)
- Expanded childcare services for parents who are working on their education (HB 6558)
- Created an Unemployed Workers' Advocate to assist out-of-work residents with accessing benefits and getting back to work
- Eliminated state income taxes on IRA income over time, beginning in the 2023 tax year (SB 1202)
- Repealed the poverty tax to stop the state from taking back cash and medical assistance from someone who works hard and pulls themselves out of poverty (PA 21-3/SB 1202)

## EQUALITY FOR ALL RESIDENTS

- Created a biennial study to better understand how we can reduce racial and economic segregation in CT (SB 1202)
- Joined seven other states in passing the "Crown Act", making it illegal to discriminate based on hair texture and hairstyle (PA 21-2)
- Guaranteed better rates on student loans for teachers in Alliance Districts so that we can help retain talented teachers and provide our students with equal educational opportunities



## MORE AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE

- Continued coverage for, and access to, telehealth so that we can make our healthcare system more efficient and flexible for all patients (HB 6470 & PA 21-9)
- Ensured dental coverage for kids through their parent's plans, up to the age of 26 (SB 1004)
- Set minimum standards for long-term care insurance (SB 2016)
- Provided better training and tools for police to respond to opioid overdoses (HB 1011)
- Lowered prescription drug costs by requiring manufacturing discounts go to the consumer and not the insurance company (PA 21-14)

## SENIORS & VETERANS

- Ensured access to virtual visits and monitoring for nursing home residents and created a statewide policy on visitation (PAs 21-55 & 21-71)
- Required background checks at homemaker-companion agencies (PA 21-37)
- As Vice Chair of the Veterans' Affairs Committee, I helped increase funds to cover the cost of funeral expenses for fallen service members (PA 21-112)
- Established the National Purple Star School Program to assist families moving into the state with school registration, planning, counseling and other support services (PA 21-86)

## DELIVERING FOR WATERBURY

	FY 22	FY 23
LoCIP (Local Capital Improvement Project)	\$1,352,857	\$1,352,857
Town Aid Road	\$1,067,942	\$1,067,942
Grants For Municipal Projects	\$4,435,498	\$4,435,498
Education Cost Sharing	\$157,222,793	\$164,355,045
PILOT (Payment In Lieu of Taxes)	\$9,388,171	\$9,388,171
Total State Funds To Town	\$191,471,637	\$198,614,651
Federal Funding to Waterbury (Related to COVID-19)	\$227,077,450	—

### Further funding for our community:

- **\$3 million** for upgrades to Wilby High School football field
- **\$1.2 million** for Waterbury Hospital
- **\$2 million** for the demolition of the EWR Building on Freight St.
- **\$350,000** for a new restroom facility at Bunker Hill Park



## MAKING OUR STREETS SAFER

- Fully funded state police training programs
- Secured \$6 million in additional grants for municipal police departments
- 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 (PA 21-36)
- Working in a bipartisan fashion to address the car theft issues that have been plaguing communities all across the state
- Secured over \$50,000 for security upgrades to the Yeshiva School and \$5,000 for a local Youth Services Grant

## RESPONDING TO COVID-19

- Expanded workers compensation benefits for PTSD to cover emergency responders, corrections workers, dispatchers and health care providers who were on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic (SB 660)
- Reformed nursing home staffing measures, policies, and supply inventories to ensure that our nursing homes remain safe and prepared in the case of future disease outbreaks (SB 1030)
- Strengthened numerous programs designed to keep people from losing their homes during tough times: Foreclosure Mediation, Lien Assistance and Emergency Mortgage Assistance (SB 891)
- Making sure our kids recover from this pandemic by expanding youth services prevention training, creating more outpatient services for kids, requiring social emotional learning as part of teacher professional development, and addressing absenteeism in virtual learning (PA 21-46)