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Friends and Neighbors,

I hope this message finds you and yours well this season. This year, the legislature passed a budget that provides relief for taxpayers throughout the Valley and the state. Connecticut has experienced great success through responsible budgeting and paying down past debt. We are now in the fortunate position to provide meaningful tax relief. This budget supports seniors, middle and working class families, first responders, small businesses, schools and so much more. I am humbled and proud to serve as your voice and advocate and to be able to deliver progress for our residents and community. With the next legislative session nearly here, I will be working hard to provide additional relief and resources through the coming budget as well.

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TAX RELIEF FOR CONNECTICUT & BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS



Representative Rochelle proudly supported the 2022 State Budget which provides a historic \$650 million in tax relief and makes vital investments in non-profits, child care, schools and more. This budget:

MIDDLE & WORKING CLASS RELIEF

- **Lowers property taxes on cars** from 37.80 to 32.46 mils - meaning lower car taxes for you
- **Increases the property tax credit** from \$200 to \$300 and expands eligibility to all homeowners
- **Eliminates the pension and annuity income taxes** for a majority of retirees
- **Establishes a CT Child tax credit for \$250 for each child**, up to 3 children for middle and working class families
- **Extends the 25 cent gas tax suspension**
- **Eliminates the sales and use tax** for private water company customers
- **Increases the Earned Income Tax Credit** which will help over 1600 tax filers in Ansonia

FIRST RESPONDERS, SCHOOLS, NON-PROFITS AND BUSINESSES

- **Pays volunteer fire companies \$500 for each call** they respond to on designated highways including Route 8
- **Allows EMS organizations to get a motor vehicle fuel tax refund** for fuel used in ambulances
- **Increases funding for police** to address **gun trafficking and car thefts**
- **Provides funding** and guidance on maintaining the best indoor **air quality in our public schools**
- **Provides \$40 million** to the Unemployment Trust Fund to **help our state's businesses**
- **Increases funding to address juvenile crime**
- **Not-for-profits** that perform state functions **will receive a 6.5% increase** - this includes Team, Inc. and BHCare

TOWN AID FOR ANSONIA

2022

\$915,263

2023

\$1,957,495*

* includes an estimated \$400,000 Municipal Revenue Sharing Account (MRSA) payment; figure will be finalized after tax receipts are analyzed in July

EDUCATION FUNDING FOR ANSONIA

2022

\$18,562,372

2023

\$19,064,623*

* In addition, the special education reimbursement rate was improved to better prioritize Ansonia

ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

- **\$6.5 million** for Ansonia Brass development
- **\$300,000** for Team, Inc.
- **Over \$1.2 million annually** to fund increased daily service for the Waterbury Rail Line