



SENIOR UPDATE

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I hope this message finds you and yours well. We have been working hard to implement policies and programs to respond to the feedback and needs of our seniors. I want to share with you some of the legislation passed this year to better the lives of seniors in our community and our state. If you have questions or if you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at 860-240-8769 or email me at Kara.Rochelle@cga.ct.gov.

I look forward to hearing from you.

All my best,

Kara Rochelle

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Representative Rochelle proudly supported all of the following bills this session:

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF EXPANDED

HB 6458, *An Act Lowering the Age of Eligibility for Property Tax Relief for Senior Citizens and Establishing a Task Force to Protect Senior Citizens from Fraud*, gives towns the ability to lower the age to provide property tax relief for seniors to 65, and as described, creates a task force to prevent fraud targeted at seniors.

PHASING OUT THE INCOME TAX ON PENSIONS AND ANNUITIES

HB 6689, *An Act Concerning the State Budget*, continues to phase out the state income tax on pensions and annuities - exempting an additional 28% over the next 2 years, which will exempt in total 70% of this income from state taxes for most seniors.

BANNING AGE DISCRIMINATION

SB 56, *An Act Deterring Age Discrimination in Employment Applications*, prohibits age discrimination during the employment application process.

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RIGHTS OF NURSING HOME RESIDENTS EXPANDED

HB 6457, *An Act Concerning Access to Recordings and Images from Technology Used by Nursing Home Residents for Virtual Visitation and Virtual Monitoring*, expands the rights of nursing home residents and ensures they can use technology to facilitate virtual visits with family and friends.

LONG TERM CARE INSURANCE

SB 1046, *An Act Concerning Long Term Care Insurance*, puts in place strong consumer protections on long-term care insurance to prevent significant, unexpected rate increases and ensures more affordable products are available.

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203-922-3975

Derby Senior Center

203-736-1484

TEAM, Inc.

203-736-5420

Agency on Aging of South Central CT

203-785-8533

Medicare

800-633-4227

Center for Medicare Advocacy

800-262-4414

Office of the Healthcare Advocate

866-466-4446

Department of Social Services

855-626-6632

The Elder Justice Hotline

860-808-5555

United Way Infoline (General Assistance)

Dial 2-1-1 or visit www.211ct.org

Department of Rehabilitation Services

800-537-2549

BHcare - Mental Health Services

203-736-2601

Ansonia Police Department (Non-Emergency)

203-735-1885

Derby Police Department (Non-Emergency)

203-734-1651