

From the House

2021!

By Rep. Matt Ritter

2021 is here and we are ready for a new year and a new legislative session. I am very proud that my colleagues in the House of Representatives have chosen me to be Speaker of the House after four years as House Majority Leader.

The new year marks the start of 2021 (Finally!), but January 1<sup>st</sup> also marks the enactment of new laws in our state...including legislation capping the monthly cost of insulin and other equipment necessary to manage diabetes.

The law also permits pharmacists to prescribe a 30-day supply of diabetes-related drugs and devices to patients in certain emergency situations.

Another new law is part of our response to the poor storm response by utilities this past summer.

State regulators will investigate, develop, and adopt a framework for implementing performance-based regulation of each electric distribution company (Eversource and United Illuminating). It also allows regulators to initiate a proceeding to investigate, develop, and adopt a framework to implement performance-based regulations for gas and water companies.

Utilities will be judged on safety, reliability, emergency response; affordability, customer satisfaction and equity. It's a new way to look at our utilities.

I want to hear from you about the issues that matter most to you and your family. Please contact me if I can ever be of any assistance. I can be reached at [Matthew.Ritter@cga.ct.gov](mailto:Matthew.Ritter@cga.ct.gov), on Facebook [@RepresentativeMattRitter](#) or by phone at (860) 240-8489, if you have any questions or concerns.

Stay safe, stay well, and happy New Year.