

From the House

Get Involved in the Legislative Session

By Rep. Matt Ritter

The 2022 legislative session kicked off February 9 and concludes on May 4. During these next few months, we will be working to continue addressing the impact of COVID-19 on our state, making Connecticut more affordable for working families, and advancing our economic recovery.

I encourage you to follow the session as it goes along and get involved when issues come up that you care about.

There are numerous ways for you to stay engaged with your legislature, and testifying at public hearings is one of the most effective. Public hearings are an impactful way for you to share your experiences directly with lawmakers and influence change. In addition to testifying on bills in-person, testimony can be delivered virtually or submitted in writing online.

Here are some resources to help you keep up and participate in the 2022 legislative session: Visit the [Connecticut General Assembly website](#) at cga.ct.gov to view a daily schedule of events, access committee information, proposed legislation, and more:

- The non-partisan Office of Legislative Research recently published the [2022 Major Issues](#) report, which summarizes key issues the legislature could take up during the session.
- Check out [the Bulletin](#) to find out when committees are meeting and [how to provide public hearing testimony](#).
- Register for the [CGA's Bill Tracking system](#) to follow any bill as it moves through the legislative process. You will receive notifications when the bill's status changes.
- Access the [CGA Citizen's Guide](#) for more on how you can become part of the process
- Follow along on [CTN](#) at ct-n.com for live coverage of committee meetings and House and Senate floor debates.

Or, maybe you are curious about how your tax dollars are spent? The State Comptroller's [OpenConnecticut](#) web portal allows residents to track state government spending in real time.

Your voice is fundamental to the legislative process, and I hope you will follow this year's session and consider getting involved by sharing your thoughts, ideas, and asking questions.

As always, please contact me if I can ever be of any assistance. I can be reached at Matthew.Ritter@cga.ct.gov, on Facebook [@RepresentativeMattRitter](#) or by phone at (860) 240-8489.