

From the House

Special Session Tackles Important Legislation

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The Connecticut House of Representatives held a socially distanced special session to fight for legislation that will make Connecticut an even better place to live, work and raise a family. We passed four incredibly important bills – police accountability, absentee ballot reform, telehealth and capping the cost of insulin.

Police Accountability

In response to the public call for substantive police reform, the historic reform package will force law enforcement to confront and deal with systemic racism and bias in policing. The legislation creates a new inspector general to investigate the use of deadly force, gives more authority to civilian review boards, bans chokeholds, requires dashboard cameras in patrol vehicles, and restricts the use of military equipment.

Mail-In Ballots

You should not have to risk your health to exercise your right to vote. You will have a safe/COVID-free alternative - voting by absentee ballot. This November, you will be able to use the concerns over COVID as a valid reason to apply for an absentee ballot.

Telehealth

The COVID crisis yielded a flood of telehealth visits. We approved reforms to ensure your telehealth visits will be covered by state-regulated insurance. It is important that you maintain the ability to consult with a medical professional without sitting in a crowded waiting room.

Insulin Prices

Insulin prices will be capped...and it's about time. According to the American Diabetes Association, the average price of insulin nearly tripled between 2002 and 2013. The price of insulin is artificially high...driven by greed and the lust for profit. This will ensure insulin will be affordable in CT.

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