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Dear Neighbor,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve our communities and bring your voice to the State Capitol. I hope this summary of major bills that passed the General Assembly is a helpful way to learn about the new laws adopted in Hartford this year.

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Please always feel free to contact me directly if you have questions or ideas to share. It's a great honor to be your state senator!

Sincerely,

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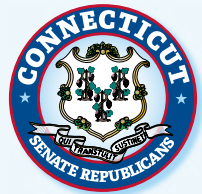
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If you have questions or opinions about state issues, or if I can be of service in any way, please feel free to contact me directly.

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2019 Capitol Update

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New Laws to Protect & Help Connecticut Residents

I fought for, supported and passed many new bipartisan laws to help people across our state, including laws that accomplished the following:

Helping Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (*Public Act 19-189*) by creating parity between sexual assault in the case of a spousal or cohabitating relationship and other crimes of sexual assault.

Improving Access to Women's Health Care by promoting screening for cancers that impact women (*Public Act 19-45*), allowing for Medicaid reimbursement for donor breast milk when medically necessary (*Public Act 19-48*), and expanding health insurance coverage for preexisting conditions (*Public Act 19-134*).

Creating Parity for Mental Health Care by passing legislation that seeks to increase access to treatment for mental health issues and substance abuse (*Public Act 19-159*).



Honoring and recognizing Vietnam Veterans during a ceremony in Montville.

Combating Opioid Abuse by increasing the penalties for the sale of Fentanyl (*Public Act 19-38*) and establishing new requirements when prescribing an opioid for an extended period of time (*Public Act 19-191*).

Expanding Workforce Development by establishing multiple new initiatives related to apprenticeship training, careers in manufacturing, certificate programs, and computer science instruction in public schools. (*Public Acts 19-68, 19-58, 19-103, 19-128*).

Protecting Seniors by expanding training for Alzheimer's disease diagnosis and treatment (*Public Act 19-115*), expanding health insurance coverage for hearing aids (*Public Act 19-133*), and establishing a Community Ombudsman program to investigate complaints concerning care received by recipients of home and community-based services to help seniors aging in place (*Special Act 19-18*).



Addressing a public finance outlook conference in Hartford. Sen. Formica serves as Ranking Senator on the legislature's Appropriations Committee, which oversees state government spending.



Preserving the Environment by extending residential solar programs, increasing CT's heating loan program, establishing a "green jobs ladder" and assisting farmers with anaerobic digestion regulations. (*Public Act 19-35*)



Supporting Veterans by establishing a military to machinist job training program for veterans (*Public Act 19-129*) and by increasing the property tax exemption for disabled vets (*Public Act 19-171*).