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# Mae Flexer 2016 Session Update



## Supporting Veterans and Seniors

As Co-chair of the Veterans' Affairs Committee, I am committed to making Connecticut the most veteran-friendly state in the country. This year I passed **legislation that will make it easier for veterans to start and grow businesses** in Connecticut. I also led passage of a new law that will increase the maximum **property tax exemption for wartime veterans** or their surviving spouses to \$20,000.

I am always looking for ways to improve the lives of seniors across our state as Co-chair of the Aging Committee. I was proud this session to lead passage of legislation that extends the Caregiver, Advise, Record and Enable (CARE) Act to nursing homes. This will **ensure that caregivers receive the necessary information and support to care for family members** who are being discharged from nursing homes or hospitals.

## Protecting Domestic Violence Victims

I also worked on a critical new law that will **help protect victims from their abusers immediately following the service of a temporary restraining order**. Current law is the weakest at the most dangerous moments for domestic violence victims. This change will allow the removal of firearms from the equation during the most critical time in a victim's life—the seven days between the filing of the restraining order and the hearing to make the order permanent.



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## Making College Campuses Safer

Representative Gregg Haddad and I led bipartisan passage of legislation which aims to **prevent sexual assault at our colleges and universities**. All public and private universities will now adopt policies establishing affirmative consent—or the presence of permission, rather than the absence of objection—in sexual assault student disciplinary cases. **Affirmative consent standards will make our campuses safer.**

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