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My Policy Positions on Aging Committee Issues for the 2025 Legislative Session

As your State Senator and a ranking member of the Aging Committee, I am committed to supporting Connecticut's seniors and their families with policies that enhance affordability, protect against financial exploitation, and ease the burdens of caregiving and rising costs. Our aging population deserves dignity, security, and respect, and I'm proud to advocate for the following initiatives this legislative session.

Supporting Caregivers and Tax Relief I strongly back [H.B. 7007](#), *An Act Providing an Income Tax Deduction for Individuals Caring for Elderly Persons, Children, or Disabled Persons*. This bill offers critical tax relief by allowing deductions for caregiving expenses: up to \$60,000 for full-time health care costs for relatives aged 70 or older, up to \$3,000 for care of certain qualifying individuals as defined by federal law, and up to \$60,000 for full-time home health care for other qualifying individuals with disabilities. Caregivers are the backbone of our communities, and this measure recognizes their sacrifices while helping them manage the financial strain.

Protecting Seniors from Financial Fraud introduced [S.B. 13](#), *An Act Concerning Financial Fraud Schemes Perpetrated Against Senior Citizens*, which establishes a statewide elder abuse task force within the Division of State Police. Too many of our seniors fall victim to scams that rob them of their hard-earned savings. This task force will strengthen our efforts to combat financial exploitation, ensuring our seniors can live with peace of mind.

Easing Property Tax Burdens I support [S.B. 1345](#), *An Act Limiting Local Property Tax Increases on Seniors and Certain Persons with Disabilities*. For those on fixed incomes, rising property taxes can be devastating. This bill allows municipalities to abate any property tax increases for qualifying seniors—those with federal adjusted gross income up to double their Social Security or disability benefits—and certain individuals with disabilities. It's a practical step to keep our seniors in their homes. I've also supported [H.B. 5305](#), *An Act Limiting Property Tax Increases on Seniors and Certain Persons with Disabilities*, to further reinforce this priority.

Enhancing Affordability for Seniors

Affordability is at the heart of my work on the Aging Committee, and I'm pushing several key measures:

- **Transparency in Assisted Living Costs:** [S.B. 1175](#), *An Act Requiring Public Hearings for Certain Rate Increases at Assisted Living Facilities*. This bill mandates public hearings for proposed rate hikes exceeding 10% at assisted living facilities, giving residents and families a voice in decisions that impact their budgets.
- **Adjusting Personal Needs Allowances:** [H.B. 6775](#), *AAC Cost of Living Adjustments to Long-Term Care Facility Residents' Personal Needs Allowance*. Currently set at \$75, the personal needs allowance for seniors in long-term care facilities should rise with Social Security cost-of-living adjustments. This ensures our seniors can cover essentials as costs increase over time.
- **Protecting Against Utility Fee Hikes:** [H.B. 5796](#), *An Act Prohibiting Internet and Cable Fee Increases for Senior Citizens Living on a Fixed Income*. Seniors on fixed incomes shouldn't face unpredictable jumps in internet and cable bills—services that keep them connected and informed. This bill locks in fairness and predictability.

My Commitment to Connecticut's Seniors

Our seniors have built the Connecticut we know today, and it's my duty to ensure they can age with dignity and security. Whether it's easing the financial load for caregivers, safeguarding against fraud, or keeping housing and living costs manageable, these policies reflect my dedication to practical, compassionate solutions. I'll keep fighting for our aging community this session because they deserve nothing less.

