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Hello Friend,

I am writing to share updates from last week since a lot of bills moved forward. A summary is included below.

Last week my House colleagues and I were able to pass legislation to move us forward to a fossil fuel/greenhouse gas pollution-free future. The bill we passed also included an environmental justice piece that will empower vulnerable minority and lower income communities that have suffered due to the degradation of their air and water for decades.

A health care bill we passed will enable telemedicine, employed during the pandemic through use of the Governor's emergency powers, to continue in use after the emergency period ends. The bill also enlarged the scope of practice for nurse practitioners and physician assistants to provide more access to needed care.

Early Saturday morning August 1st we adjourned expecting to return to full formal sessions in September to enact essential legislation and fully fund public education and unrestricted local aid which every city and town depends on.

A conference committee is reconciling the racial justice police reform bills for passage by both chambers in the late summer or fall.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have questions or need help.

Best regards,
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