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## REP. CURREY NAMED CHILDREN'S CHAMPION

**State Representative Jeff Currey** (D-11<sup>th</sup>) has been recognized by the Connecticut Early Childhood Alliance for his leadership and support of shaping new legislation that promotes the well-being of Connecticut's children.

"I would like to thank the Early Childhood Alliance for honoring me with this award and for their commitment to improving the lives of children, especially our littlest learners, every single day," Rep. Currey said. "In order for our children to succeed in education and in life, we need to ensure that legislation caters to their growing needs. Since I was elected into office, I have continued to fight for the necessary resources children need in regards to education, safety, health, and care. It has been an honor to have worked on legislation that ultimately improves lives of the next generation and I will continue to advocate on their behalf in the future."

This is the second consecutive year Currey has been named a Children's Champion.

Currey co-sponsored and supported several bills this legislative session that aim to protect and improve the wellbeing of children. In regards to education, Currey co-sponsored An Act Considering a Two Generational Initiative for Families and House Bill 5400, which will ensure that boards of education share findings with other boards of education concerning whether an applicant has been found to have committed abuse or sexual misconduct. Due in part to Currey's efforts, both of these bills passed during this legislative session.

Other bills Currey co-sponsored that are now signed into law include An Act Encouraging Middle School and High School Students to Consider Careers in Manufacturing, An Act Concerning Student Data Privacy, and An Act Concerning Dyslexia.

In addition to being a member of the Appropriations Committee, Judiciary Committee, Insurance and Real Estate Committee, Currey is also a member of the Education Committee which heavily impacts early childhood legislation.