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I hosted a community conversation with the NAACP, Hartford Police Department, and Board of Pardons & Paroles. The event was an important opportunity to address issues and opportunities in our neighborhoods and empower our community by bringing people together.

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This year, I helped lead the effort to change how our criminal justice system works by passing laws that:

- **Increase funding for legal services for the poor;**
- Create a task force to study unmet legal needs and the right to an attorney in civil cases; and,
- **Increase oversight of family support judges** that establish and enforce child and spousal support orders.

These laws strengthen actions we have taken in previous years, including laws that:

- Encourage the **recruitment, hiring and promotion of minorities in law enforcement;**
- Mandate the appointment of **special prosecutors to handle cases involving deaths that result at the hands of police;** and,
- **Eliminate mandatory minimums** for nonviolent drug possession.