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## **Lonnie Reed**

Ms. Reed speaks on Tuesday, August 19 at 2 pm at the concurrent session Public Access in Peril.

After choosing not to run again for her seat in the Connecticut State House of Representatives, LONNIE REED has returned to a variety of pursuits that include her longtime profession of documentary filmmaking and television specials. She has also been appointed by Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont to Chair the Board of Directors for the Connecticut Green Bank (CGB). CGB is a quasi-public corporation established to speed the deployment of clean, affordable energy by attracting private investors and reducing the sole reliance on public money — taxpayer and ratepayer dollars — to pay for renewable projects.

The former State Representative won five terms in the Connecticut State House from 2009 to 2019. As a State Representative, Reed was Co-Chair of the Energy & Technology Committee, Co-Chair of the Bipartisan Life Sciences Caucus, a member of the Manufacturer's Caucus and of the Shoreline Preservation Task Force, Co-Chair of the Bipartisan Long Island Sound Caucus and was appointed to the Bi-State NY & CT Long Island Sound Committee. Reed helped lead the successful battle to defeat Broadwater, a floating liquified natural gas plant and 22-mile pipeline proposed for Long Island Sound. She continues to stay engaged with efforts that promote regional cooperation and combat climate change.

During the Malloy Administration, Reed also served on the Governor's Life Sciences Advisory Group within the CT Department of Economic and Community Development. The Group worked to bring the \$1.1 Billion Jackson Labs Bioscience research and development venture to Connecticut and strategized to turbo charge

the state's entire Life Sciences sector along with related industries such as info-metrics, data analytics and medical device manufacturing.

During her first year in elective office, Rep. Reed was chosen one of 40 promising state legislative leaders from across the nation for the prestigious Toll Fellowship Program sponsored by the National Council of State Governments (CSG). She became a leader on CSG's Energy & Environment Committee where she promoted more regional co-operation among New England and northeast states on energy and environmental issues and related economic challenges.

Prior to entering elective politics, Lonnie Reed worked as an award-winning newspaper journalist, television news investigative reporter and anchor for television stations including WFSB, Hartford and WNEW, NY and as a contributing correspondent to CBS News. She has been a White House correspondent; hosted Off the Set, a political talk show in NY; been honored repeatedly for her investigative reports. Reed has won awards from the Society of Professional Journalists (Sigma Delta Chi); four Emmy Awards; myriad film festival prizes and other recognitions. Productions include the top-rated documentary, Muhammad Ali: The Whole Story.