



Dear Neighbor,

The 2025 legislative session was a session of big ideas, real results, and bipartisan work, proving once again that Connecticut is not Washington.

While gridlock dominates the headlines nationally, here at home we're doing things differently. We came together, had honest conversations, and delivered solutions that matter.

We focused on what you've told me matters most: lowering electric bills, delivering a responsible budget, investing in special education, supporting early childhood care, and addressing the long-term impacts of climate change.

I'm proud of the progress we've made and even prouder to bring those wins back to Bethel and Danbury. I remain deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve as your voice at the Capitol.

With Gratitude,

BIG WINS FOR BETHEL & DANBURY

- **\$75,000** – Kind Works, Inc. (Afterschool Program in Bethel)
- **\$75,000** – Friends of Bethel Parks and Recreation (Teen Center)
- **\$2 Million** – Regional Hospice Center for Pediatric Care
- **\$50,000** – EdAdvance School Readiness Council



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FUNDING FOR BETHEL & DANBURY

I'M PROUD TO SHARE THAT BETHEL IS SET TO RECEIVE MORE THAN \$1.1 MILLION IN ADDITIONAL STATE AID UNDER THE NEWLY PASSED FY 2026-2027 BUDGET, MARKING A LONG-OVERDUE CORRECTION TO HOW OUR TOWN HAS BEEN FUNDED

Much of this increase comes from the Education Cost Sharing (ECS) formula, which helps fund our public schools. For years, Bethel received less than its fair share. This budget begins to fix that, increasing our total statutory aid to over \$11 million, up from \$9.5 million last year, **a nearly 12% increase**. As the only Bethel delegation member to support this budget, I'm proud to have helped make this long-overdue investment a reality.

FOR DANBURY, I WORKED CLOSELY WITH MAYOR ROBERTO ALVES TO SECURE A HISTORIC INCREASE: \$23.66 MILLION IN ADDITIONAL AID FOR FY 2026 AND ANOTHER \$23.66 MILLION IN FY 2027, A TOTAL INCREASE OF \$47.3 MILLION OVER TWO YEARS

This comes on top of the unprecedented state support we've delivered for Danbury in recent years, including major investments in education, infrastructure, bonding, and school construction. In total, we've delivered **more than \$250 million** in education funding, grants, and reimbursements for the city. That's support Danbury has never seen before.

FIGHTING FOR LOCAL CONTROL AND REAL SOLUTIONS

HB 5002 was a sweeping statewide housing bill that would have imposed top-down mandates on communities like Bethel and Danbury, removing local input, fast-tracking dense development, and setting unrealistic housing targets without addressing infrastructure or environmental impact. I stood up to party leaders by voting no on the bill and led a bipartisan coalition to push back. Together, we secured key changes and helped deliver a veto from the Governor. I remain committed to expanding affordable housing in ways that reflect the unique needs of our communities, not through one-size-fits-all mandates.

KEY BILLS PASSED IN 2025

- Required school and public libraries to have a policy and a review committee made up of parents, teachers, staff, and students to deal with controversial materials. (PA 25-168)
- Established the Early Childhood Education Endowment – an investable trust fund that will create universal access to childcare – starting with a downpayment of nearly \$300 million. (PA 25-93)
- Regulated the use of rodenticides. (PA 25-33)
- Banned fertilizers that contain PFAS. (PA 25-152)
- Cracked down on insurance carriers to ensure better parity between mental and physical health coverage. (PA 25-152)
- Helped victims of domestic violence protect their GPS data from their abuser. (PA 25-113)
- Expanded the “Fallen Officer Fund” to cover the family of firefighters, EMT personnel, and paramedics who are killed in the line of duty so that they can receive cash benefits and health insurance coverage. (PA 25-61)
- Empowered towns to regulate and penalize street takeovers, including the ability to seize and destroy confiscated vehicles. (PA 25-80)



TACKLING HIGH ENERGY COSTS, ONE STEP AT A TIME

This session, I supported and helped shape SB 4, an energy affordability bill developed with Energy & Technology Committee leadership to deliver **real, long-term relief to Connecticut ratepayers**.

SB 4 tackles the rising cost of electricity by:

- **Requiring more transparency** on your monthly bill, including clearer breakdowns of delivery charges and public benefit fees.
- Beginning a **phased in cap on the public benefits** portion of electric bills—programs that have grown over time and now drive up costs.
- **Mandating that any new public benefit charge must be approved by the legislature**—not buried in utility filings.
- Launching a **statewide audit of every charge on electric bills** to identify inefficiencies and opportunities for cost savings.

These reforms matter. Connecticut has some of the highest electric rates in the country, and families in Bethel and Danbury are feeling the strain. **I've made it my mission to bring down rates through smarter oversight, better planning, and increased accountability.** SB 4 is a step in the right direction and I'm not done fighting for you.