

Dear Neighbor,

My approach in Hartford has always been simple: be accessible, be straightforward, and deliver results for Bethel and Danbury.

During the 2026 legislative session, we continued Connecticut’s commitment to responsible budgeting without raising broad-based taxes. We paid down an additional \$1 billion in long-term debt, strengthened our emergency reserves, and maintained a historic Rainy Day Fund while continuing to invest in education, public safety, infrastructure, and local services.

We also increased support for our cities and towns, helping communities like Bethel and Danbury fund local priorities while easing pressure on property taxpayers. By combining fiscal discipline with targeted investments, we continued building a stronger foundation for Connecticut’s future.

This newsletter highlights some of the key accomplishments from the 2026 legislative session and the results delivered for our communities.

Enjoy,

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BRINGING YOUR TAX DOLLARS HOME

- \$1.86 Million for WCSU’s Center for School Safety
- \$1 Million for Regional Hospice
- \$150,000 for the Danbury Police Activities League
- \$75,000 for Kind Works’ after-school programming
- \$75,000 for Friends of Bethel Parks & Recreation’s Teen Center
- \$56,000 for New American Dream Foundation’s Senior Meals Program
- \$20,000 for the Bethel All Sports Booster Club
- \$10,000 for Bethel Brotherhood in Action

ADDRESSING HIGH ENERGY COSTS

- Supported legislation to modernize Connecticut’s energy infrastructure while adding new cost controls and oversight.
- Backed reforms that reduced program spending targets and required greater accountability.
- Worked to expand energy generation and grid reliability, because Connecticut cannot lower costs without increasing supply.
- Continued advocating for lower electric bills, greater transparency, and utility accountability.

Public Act 26-127

SUPPORTING STUDENTS & FAMILIES

- Invested \$300 Million in Connecticut’s Early Childhood Endowment to support childcare and early learning opportunities.
- Expanded free school breakfast programs for students statewide.
- Increased support for special education and literacy programs.
- Continued investing in schools and educational opportunities that help students succeed.

TURNING TRAGEDY INTO ACTION

Following the tragic death of Bethel resident Emily Todd, I worked with her family to author legislation that improves how domestic violence cases are tracked throughout Connecticut’s criminal justice system.

- Passed unanimously in both the House and Senate.
- Helps identify gaps and improve accountability from arrest through parole.
- Developed in partnership with Emily’s family, advocates, and law enforcement professionals.
- Signed into law to help strengthen protections for victims and families.

Special Act No. 26-8

MODERNIZING FERTILITY COVERAGE

- Co-led legislation updating Connecticut’s fertility insurance laws for the first time in decades.
- Expanded coverage to reflect modern family-building options, including donor gametes, donor embryos, and gestational surrogacy.
- Removed outdated requirements that prevented many individuals and couples from accessing care.
- Passed the House and Senate and was signed into law.

Public Act 26-33

PROTECTING MAIN STREETS AND LOCAL CONTROL

- Opposed HB 5362, which could have reduced local control over commercially zoned properties and threatened the long-term viability of main streets.
- Organized and joined a coalition of local leaders, planners, and legislators to raise concerns about the proposal.
- Advocated for housing solutions that respect local communities, local businesses, and local decision-making.
- The bill ultimately died in the Senate and was not enacted into law.

DELIVERING FOR BETHEL & DANBURY

This year we secured:

\$11.64 MILLION

in Education & Municipal Aid for Bethel

+\$500,000

Increase From Last Year

\$4.54 MILLION

in New Education & Municipal Aid for Danbury

I SUPPORTED THE BIPARTISAN BUDGET THAT INCREASED STATE FUNDING FOR BETHEL BY NEARLY \$500,000, MAKING ME THE ONLY MEMBER OF THE BETHEL DELEGATION TO VOTE FOR THE FUNDING INCREASE. I ALSO WORKED WITH THE DANBURY DELEGATION AND MAYOR ROBERTO ALVES TO HELP DELIVER MORE THAN \$4.5 MILLION IN EDUCATION AND MUNICIPAL AID FOR DANBURY.