

Dear Neighbor,

It is a privilege and honor to serve as your state representative. The 2023 legislative session is now in the rearview mirror, and I wanted to take a moment to check in and share some highlights from the past several months.

I'm proud to have worked on a budget that delivers historic tax cuts and increased funding for students, families, and our most vulnerable residents, while paying down our long-term debt, including an additional \$2.072 billion in unfunded future pension liability.

Most importantly, we did it by working together - without gimmicks or partisan politics. We prioritized education, supported non-profits, and invested in public safety without the fighting you see in Washington.

I'd love to hear from you if you would like more details or have any questions on any of the initiatives addressed in this legislative update.

Sincerely,

*Thomas Arnone*

## BIG WINS FOR ENFIELD

- ✓ Secured additional funding for Enfield capital improvements
- ✓ Fighting for Enfield's train station development
- ✓ Maintained funding for our schools



## NEW LAWS FOR 2023-24 FROM STATE REPRESENTATIVE TOM ARNONE

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## CAPITOL UPDATE 2023

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## YEAR IN REVIEW FOR ENFIELD

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# STATE REP. TOM ARNONE'S CAPITOL UPDATE

## LARGEST TAX CUT IN STATE HISTORY



### NEW FUNDING COMING TO ENFIELD

- We maintained nearly \$30 million for Enfield schools
- Secured an additional \$154,000 for local capital improvements
- Championing Enfield's application for a Community Investment Fund Award for Enfield train station development

### OUR BIPARTISAN BUDGET INCLUDES HISTORIC TAX CUTS

- ✓ \$600 million middle class tax cut
- ✓ Increase **Earned Income Tax Credit** for lower income workers
- ✓ Expand cuts to retirement savings to **benefit seniors**

### INVESTS:

- ✓ More funding for K-12 education
- ✓ More funding for higher education
- ✓ More funding for non-profits
- ✓ More funding for childcare
- ✓ **MORE FUNDING FOR ENFIELD**

## TAX CUTS

- We worked to eliminate even more retirement income taxes by smoothing the benefit cliff for those with pension, annuity, and IRA income - giving relief to those making more than \$75k
- I supported reducing the state income tax by lowering the 5.0% rate to 4.5% and the 3.0% rate to 2.0% for the income year 2024. The benefits will be capped at \$150,000 for single filers and \$300,000 for joint filers. As a result, one million tax filers will benefit from the rate cuts (nearly 60% of all filers)



### SUPPORTING SENIORS

- I supported allowing banks to freeze transactions when they suspect a senior is being scammed
- I supported expanding medicaid coverage for services like primary healthcare, physical therapy and meals

### PUBLIC SAFETY

- I supported restricting open carry
- I voted to require safe storage and trigger locks for guns
- I voted to expand our assault weapon ban and update training requirements

### PRIORITIZING OUR KIDS AND FAMILIES

- I voted to pass legislation that criminalizes online predatory behavior against children
- I supported requiring schools to provide more play-based education from pre-K to grade school
- Personal financial management and financial literacy will now be a requirement for high school graduation