Dear Neighbor,

The 2025 legislative session was a session of big ideas, bipartisan work, compromise, and solutions.

Connecticut is so different from Washington. Instead of drawing lines in the sand, we collaborate and have conversations with our legislative colleagues – and that can be seen in the work we do.

We focused on important issues in 2025: Electric bills, a state budget, special education, early childhood, and climate change all received our laser focus.

I remain filled with deep gratitude and pride to be your state representative.

All my best,

HARZEMO.



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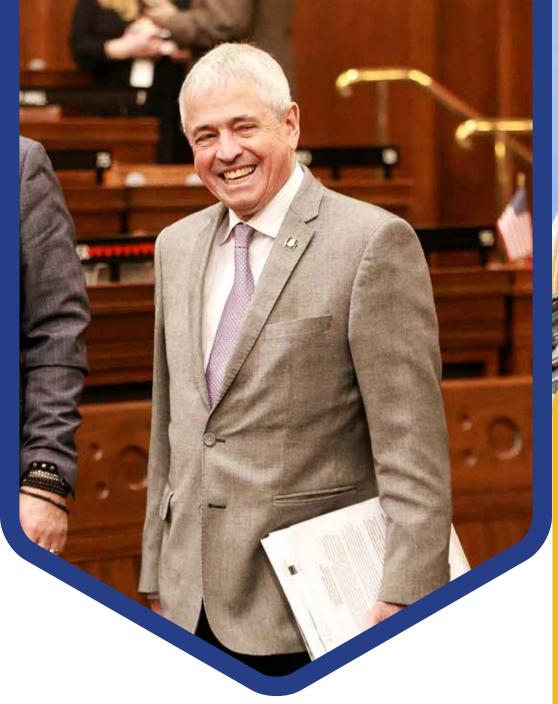
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### FROM STATE REPRESENTATIVE HECTOR ARZENO

**PROUDLY SERVING GREENWICH** 



### **CUTTING YOUR ELECTRIC BILL**

- Moved programmatic charges out of your bill and created better oversight of new charges.
- Removed industry subsidies from our clean energy investments.
- Used state financing to pay down COVID-era back payments and storm-related costs, which would otherwise be passed onto ratepayers.



### FOR CONNECTICUT

I'm proud of this year's budget, which reflects the historic state funding we secured to invest in our communities, strengthen vital services, and deliver real results for the people we serve.

### \$221 MILLION

for Special Education Development

### \$30 MILLION

for Keeping CT Students in-State

### \$150 MILLION

for Group and Nursing Homes

#### **PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN**

- Our budget provides a \$250 check for working families under EITC quidelines and \$300 million to fund the childcare trust fund.
- Increased fines for anyone who gives a vape to kids.
- Strengthened penalties for stores that sell cannabis to a minor.
- Made it easier for schools to buy new response systems to instantly contact first responders and save lives.

### **CARING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT** IS CARING FOR OURSELVES

- Banned fertilizers that contain PFAS.
- Regulated and restricted the use of neonicticides.
- Passed priority legislation taking a comprehensive, practical, and equitable approach to protecting our environment – from homes and schools to jobs and land, we set clear goals, removed barriers, and put residents first.

