



Dear Neighbor,

The 2026 legislative session is in the rearview mirror, and I want to share some highlights in this newsletter. It was a jam-packed session full of big ideas and important policies. Here's a taste:

Connecticut budget adds free school breakfasts, ends sales tax on school supplies
-Hearst CT

No-excuse absentee ballots make voting more accessible for those facing impediments to in-person voting due to disability and mobility limitations, lack of transportation, childcare or caretaking duties, or work schedules

-Office of Governor Ned Lamont

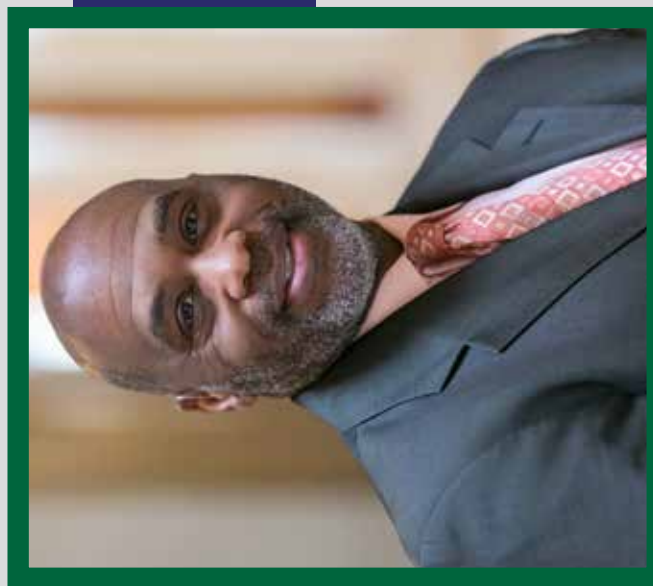
This newsletter has details about legislation we passed and key policy initiatives from the 2026 session. I hope you find it informative.

Enjoy,

STATE REPRESENTATIVE
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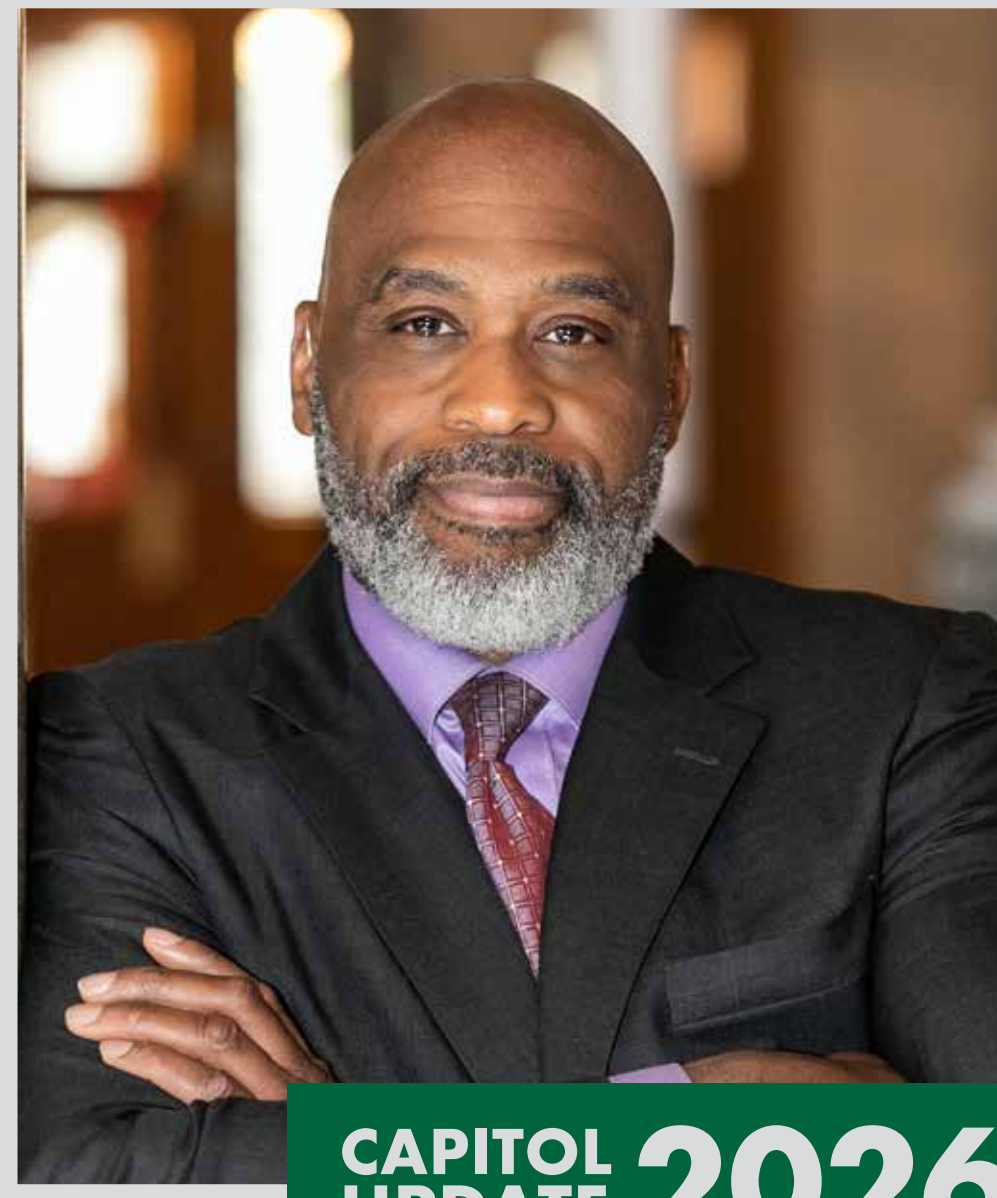
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Representative Baker speaks at the first Six Triple Eight Day at the Capitol.

TACKLING HEALTH, ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC CHALLENGES FACED BY CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

We passed legislation establishing a Triple Bottom Line Justice (TBLJ) pilot program to support underserved communities through public health initiatives, environmental cleanup, and economic development. It creates a community-driven pilot program focused on improving quality of life by addressing environmental, health and economic challenges impacting families and neighborhoods. This pilot program builds on the revitalization of the Mount Growmore Hydroponic Farm, Wellness Campus, and Learning Center project in the East End neighborhood of Bridgeport.

HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS

To help our neighbors, we passed targeted tax relief for the hundreds of residents at the Success Village housing cooperative in Bridgeport. This gives residents a fair opportunity to recover from a deeply challenging situation they did not create and supports efforts to stabilize the complex's finances.

SIX TRIPLE EIGHT DAY

We designated March 4th as Six Triple Eight Central Postal Directory Battalion Day in Connecticut. This designation honors the Six Triple Eight, the only all-Black, all-female unit sent overseas during World War II. The Six Triple Eight were an empowering, strong group of women who dedicated themselves to serving our country during World War II.



Representative Baker at the 6888 Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony.

A STATE BUDGET THAT INVESTS IN YOUR PRIORITIES

- Invested over \$190 million in public education for 2026-2027 school year
- Allows us to prepay an additional \$1.1 billion in pension liability
- \$300 million for early childhood endowment



Representative Baker with graduates of the Bridgeport Youth Ambassador Program on the House Floor.



Representative Baker at the State Capitol speaking up for Bridgeport.