



It remains a privilege and honor to serve as your state representative. The 2023 legislative session is in the rearview mirror, and I wanted to take a moment to check in and share some highlights from the past several months. We worked hard to deliver a budget that adheres to our fiscal guardrails while still providing hundreds of millions in more funding to our local schools, colleges and universities and services for our most vulnerable residents. As part of our historic tax cuts, families of four who make under \$50,000 annually will pay no state income taxes. This is another important step in making CT affordable for everyone. We did it by working together – 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 the initiatives addressed in this legislative update.

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NEW LAWS IN CT: A YEAR IN REVIEW

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OUR BIPARTISAN BUDGET INCLUDES

HISTORIC TAX CUTS

A STATE BUDGET FOCUSED ON:



CUTTING YOUR TAXES

Our budget includes the **largest Personal Income Tax cut in CT history** by cutting marginal income tax rates, increasing the Earned Income Tax Credit, capping mill rates, and eliminating even more retirement income taxes.



INDUSTRY GROWTH

Our budget **supports CT's growing industries** such as childcare, adult-use cannabis, manufacturing, and media, film and theater production.



INVESTING IN OUR STUDENTS

Our budget **invests over \$240M in public education** by stabilizing our state colleges and universities, expanding debt-free community college, fully funding our schools and local boards of education, and increasing scholarships and student debt relief.



SAFETY NET SERVICES

Our budget expands Temporary Family Assistance, increases Husky C. eligibility, provides funds to community action agencies for residents facing immediate economic hardship, supports the 9-8-8 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, and increases Medicaid rate reimbursements for providers and specialists.



IDD SUPPORTS

Our budget **invests over \$30M to better serve Intellectually or Developmentally Disabled individuals** by addressing agency waiting lists for services, bolstering employment opportunities, increasing Husky C eligibility, and breaking down silos for better coordination and data collection.

PRIORITIZES EDUCATION FUNDING

- Stabilizes our state colleges and universities by providing \$135 million more than the governor proposed in the two-year budget
- Provides \$6 million for student loan reimbursements
- Invests over \$240 million in public education for the 2024-25 school year
- Increases Funding to Towns – helping stabilize and lower local property taxes
- More funds for local schools, special education and choice tuition assistance
- Provides \$60 million combined increases for Tiered PILOT, LoCIP, and Car Tax reimbursement
- Streamlines major municipal aid grants into one appropriated fund
- Provides grants to implement early voting (\$1.8m)

ADDRESSES AFFORDABILITY

- Provides \$810 million over the biennium in capital support towards housing development and housing financial assistance, including:
- \$150 million for the Time-To-Own program - assisting the purchase of more than 1,250 homes annually
- \$200 million to expand workforce development housing
- \$450 million committed to new construction and renovation
- \$20 million for housing security initiatives - shelters, outreach, and landlord assistance

NEW FUNDED PROJECTS

- Successfully secured **\$2 million** to renovate the Northern Middlesex YMCA and equipment for the youth-serving areas of the facility in Middletown
- Secured **\$3.3 million** in education funding for Middletown over the next two years
- **\$1.95 million** in funding for renovations at Connecticut Valley Hospital in Middletown

