Dear Neighbor,

The 2025 legislative session featured big issues like lowering energy bills, childcare, special education and the state budget - and we tackled them all.

Our budget provides a \$250 check to working families under EITC guidelines and \$300 million to fund the childcare trust fund. We devoted hundreds of millions of dollars to special education and we approved comprehensive energy legislation to reduce electric bills for businesses and families.

"Connecticut will be poised to continue saving hundreds of millions of dollars annually to continue paying down its hefty pension debt at an accelerated pace."

And we did it responsibly. This newsletter has more details about the 2025 legislative session.

Enjoy,







### **CUTTING YOUR ELECTRIC BILL**

- Capped infrastructure programs that utility companies make us pay for while they profit off the interest.
- Used state financing to pay down COVID-era back payments and storm-related costs, which would otherwise be passed onto ratepayers.

Our comprehensive reforms deliver \$780 million in savings over the next few years, meaning:

- Lower bills
- A smarter grid
- A stronger future for Connecticut



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### **CAPITOL UPDATE 2025**

# SUPPORTED OUR SENIORS

- Ensured insurance coverage of biomarker testing to detect cancer early and improve treatment.
- Closed a loophole so that all employees at long-term care facilities undergo a background check
- Required greater consideration of how close your family lives when care homes try to transfer patients.





### **BIG WINS FOR MIDDLETOWN**

- Cut Your Electric Bill
- Provided Millions for Special Education
- \$250 Tax Credit for Working Families
- Made Childcare More Affordable and Accessible



# INVESTING IN EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION

- We established the Early Childhood Education Endowment

   an investable trust fund that will create universal access
   to childcare starting with a downpayment of nearly \$300
   million.
- By 2027, families earning up to \$100,000 will be able to receive childcare at no cost, while families earning more than \$100,000 will pay no more than 7% of their income for childcare.
- We authorized \$80 million to help childcare providers expand and upgrade their facilities.



# A BALANCED BUDGET AND OUR SECOND-LARGEST SURPLUS IN STATE HISTORY

### THANKS TO SOUND BUDGETING AND THE LEADERSHIP OF DEMOCRATS IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE WE:

- Delivered Single Greatest Investment in Children in Connecticut's History
- Made Historic Investments in Special Education \$271 Million

# WE DELIVERED TARGETED, MEANINGFUL RELIEF AND LONG-TERM SUPPORT FOR WORKING FAMILIES THROUGH FAIRER TAX POLICIES:

- Established an Enhanced Tax Credit for Families
- Supported Childcare Providers
- Helped Families Save for College
- Expanded Capital for Special Education Infrastructure
- Invested in Our Workforce and Residents

### **HELPING MIDDLETOWN RESIDENTS**

- Prevented people from being foreclosed on for small, missed sewer payments.
- Increased the reimbursement homebuyers get when their contractor goes bankrupt and cannot repay them.
- Prevented condo associations from prohibiting homeowners from installing solar panels on their detached homes.
- Made it easier for towns to enforce housing code violations.

