

Dear Neighbor,

The 2026 legislative session focused on protecting and empowering Connecticut residents, as well as other big issues like elections, standing up for working families, funding our schools, and the state budget.

We made historic investments in police, fire, EMS, veterans, teachers and health care workers. Voters demanded better access to absentee ballots, and we ensured their voices were heard. We know that property taxes are too high, so we made sure every city and town received more state funding with the direction to lower mill rates if possible.

It was a three-month legislative session, and we had mountains to move. This newsletter has more details about the legislation we passed and key policy initiatives from the 2026 session.

Enjoy,

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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



FUNDING FOR MIDDLETOWN

Representing Middletown is a privilege and when I work with my colleagues on the state budget it is always top of mind.

This year we secured:

\$32,832,663
for Education

\$23,830,333
for Town Aid

\$3,408,997
for additional funds

PROTECTING VULNERABLE CHILDREN

- Prioritized placing children with family members and responsible adults who are already in their lives
- Made sure there's follow-up with sister agencies when foster children move out of state
- Directed DCF to listen to other children in the house when there's an open investigation
- Provided robust resources for parents and our DCF workforce

ADVANCING HEALTH AND WORKPLACE PROTECTIONS

- Led passage of legislation requiring UConn Health, DPH, health care providers, and individuals with lived experience to develop a comprehensive menopause toolkit for clinicians
- Led passage of legislation which reinforces disability protections for employees experiencing severe menopause symptoms and requiring employers to display a DOL poster outlining these worker rights

