

The 2024 legislative session is in the books, and I am proud of what we accomplished. My goal for the session was to ensure we invested in our priorities while preserving tax cuts for families and seniors. By passing our fiscal stabilization plan we protected the largest and second largest tax cuts in state history and ensured more retirement income would be tax-exempt. And we did it all while focusing on big issues: elder care, protecting health care workers, childcare, early childhood nutrition, climate change, and paid time off. I'd love to hear from you if you would like more details or have any questions on any of the initiatives addressed in this legislative update.

Sincerely,



CT'S HEALTH AND WELLNESS

- Allowed telehealth to continue for in-state and out-of-state residents without letting the practice sunset
- Ensured doctors' offices that are group practices have more accessible equipment to assist those with physical disabilities
- Strengthened hospitals' defenses against cyberattacks
- Moved more Department of Public Health licenses online



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PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

- Banned numerous products containing dangerous PFAS chemicals and required better notice when herbicides are sprayed along railroads
- Increased hydropower going to our power grid and extended offshore wind procurement
- Expedited permitting for solar canopies and lifted caps on new solar production



2024 SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Providing Quality Care for Seniors
- Maintaining Historic Tax Cuts
- Making Childcare More Affordable and Accessible
- Maintaining CT's Future Fiscal Integrity

TAKING CARE OF OUR SENIORS AND STUDENTS

- Required nursing homes and retirement communities to provide at least 60-90 days' notice of any fee increases and improved transparency around fees
- Expedited Medicaid coverage for home-based care as an alternative to more costly nursing home care
- Created a new registry system to connect patients to home care providers and created a dashboard to help navigate nursing home options
- Established the Education Mandate Review Advisory Council to review proposed and existing mandates on local boards of education
- Required the State Department of Education to provide school districts an estimate of their next year's funding by the end of the current year, to ensure better budgeting
- Required same day parental notification when a child hurts themselves or others



OUR BIPARTISAN BUDGET INCLUDES PROTECTING TAX CUTS

WE PASSED A BIPARTISAN BIENNIUM BUDGET THAT INCLUDES HISTORIC TAX CUTS AND INVESTMENTS FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

- **LARGEST INCOME TAX CUT** in state history
- **Biggest investment in public education ever**
- **New supports for the IDD community**
- **Expansion of debt free community college**
- **Protected safety net programs**

THIS SESSION WE PROTECTED THESE TAX CUTS AND INVESTED MILLIONS OF FEDERAL FUNDS IN:

- **Higher Education - \$160 million with a path to grow to \$200 million**
- **Early Childcare - \$21.8 million**
- **Mental Health - \$24 million**
- **Nonprofits - \$50 million**

GROWING OUR ECONOMY

- Expanded the small business loan program in lower-income communities and enabled more out-of-state businesses to expand into CT
- Made it easier for out-of-state nurses and social workers to move to and practice in CT
- Cut certification red tape to make licensing faster and enable teachers to teach more subjects across more grades and expanded eligibility in the fast-track certification program
- Supported middle-class and working families by granting most full and part-time workers access to paid sick days over a three-year period (a phase-in recommended by the small business community)

