

Dear Neighbor,

We began the 2025 legislative session with some big goals: expand childcare, improve special education practices and funding, lower energy bills, strengthen our green economy and our climate resiliency, and more.

We addressed these concerns as best we could within the fiscal constraints of the established guardrails and projected revenue. With unexpected additional revenue coming in after a budget was adopted, many of us are frustrated by actions we were forced to pause. We know we could have done more to help families and small businesses in the 111th and across the state.

While I am very proud to have worked on some transformative legislation, I am determined to continue to fight for policies that give us all a chance to thrive and get ahead – simply surviving isn’t enough. We have a lot of work to do, and I am forever grateful for the opportunity to serve you and the district.

All the best,

Aimee



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A STATE BUDGET THAT INVESTS IN YOUR PRIORITIES

- Established an investable trust to provide sustainable funding for new childcare programs.
- Provided a historic \$30 million annually for new funding for Special Education Expansion and Development (SEED) grants to districts.



FUNDING FOR RIDGEFIELD

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

This year we secured:

\$2,063,391
in total funding

\$577,473
for Education

\$504,430
for Town Aid Road Funds

MAKING OUR ROADS SAFER

- Increased the penalties for reckless driving or failing to yield to a pedestrian and made DUI convictions affect both drivers' and boating licenses.
- Protected pedestrians and cyclists with new requirements for crosswalk clearance and bicycle helmets.
- We expanded our "Fallen Officer Fund" to cover the families of firefighters, EMT personnel, and paramedics who are killed in the line of duty so that they can receive cash benefits and health insurance coverage.

PROMOTING HEALTH AND PATIENT PROTECTIONS

- Created more ways for the state to reduce premium rate hikes.
- Prohibited individual health care providers from denying care based on their individual beliefs, and ensured victims of incest and sexual assault have access to healthcare and birth control.

