

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 creates a \$300 million trust fund that will help increase the availability and affordability of childcare, and we also established a refundable \$250 Earned-Income Tax Credit for working families.

The budget devotes historic funding to special education and approves comprehensive energy legislation to **reduce electric bills** for businesses and families. And we did it responsibly, ensuring we continue to pay down our long-term obligations.

> I was proud to help lead the successful effort to secure an additional \$142 million in state funds for the new Westhill High School and Roxbury **Elementary School projects** – meaning we obtained a total of \$434.8 million of state **funding** to support the construction of the state-of-the-art schools our students and educators deserve.

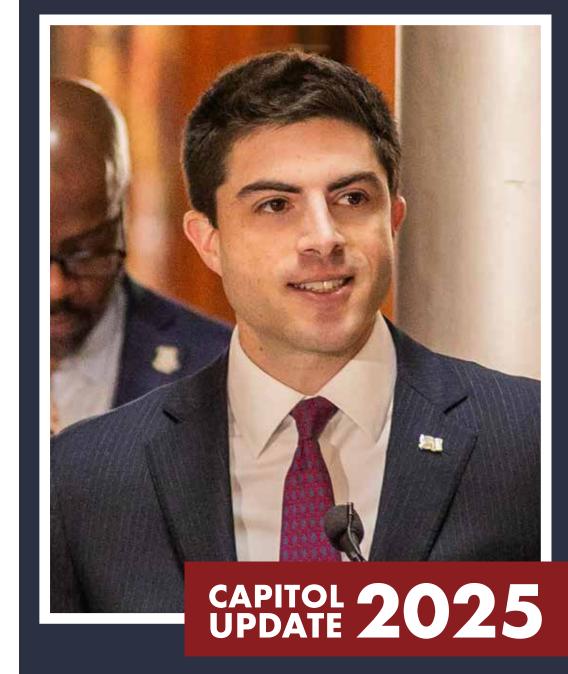
> > You can find more details about the 2025 legislative session inside this newsletter. As always, I'd love to hear your questions or comments.

Sincerely,

# MENTHA STATE REPRESENTATIVE

**SERVING STAMFORD** 

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# **INVESTING IN STAMFORD SCHOOLS**

- We delivered an additional \$142 million in state funds for the new Westhill High School and Roxbury Elementary School projects.
- This adds up to a total of \$434.8 million of state schoolconstruction funding to support the state-of-the-art school facilities our students and educators deserve.

## MAKING CHILDCARE MORE AFFORDABLE

- We established the Early Childhood Education
   Endowment, which will increase the availability and affordability of childcare in our state.
- By 2027, families earning up to \$100,000 will be able to receive free childcare, while families earning more will pay no more than 7% of their income for childcare.

# INCREASING AFFORDABLE ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE

- Strengthened our first-inthe-nation reproductive healthcare shield law's privacy protections.
- Increased Medicaid funding for healthcare providers to fortify our reproductive healthcare infrastructure.
- Cracked down on insurance carriers by toughening our mental health coverage parity law.
- Combated the high cost of prescription drugs by cutting out markups by middlemen, ensuring drug-manufacturer rebates are passed on to consumers, and taking steps to allow importing cheaper drugs from Canada.

### FIGHTING FOR WORKING FAMILIES

- Delivered targeted tax relief to working families.
- Took steps to reform energy regulation and decrease your electric bills.
- Expanded our price gouging laws to further protect consumers.
- Capped broadband internet access prices for low-income individuals at \$40 per month.
- Prohibited big social media companies from targeting ads at minors or selling your sensitive data without your consent.



### **INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY**

- Passed first-in-the-nation legislation to help our libraries fight back against publishers price gouging on e-books.
- Made historic investments in special education, easing the burden on municipalities.
- \$37,567,194 in total state funding to Stamford (FY 2026)
- \$22,603,292 in education funding to Stamford (FY 2026)