

KEEPING OUR COMMUNITIES SAFE

- Improved the eligibility process for getting benefits to the families of first responders who died in the line of duty (PA 24-16)
- Established a Fallen Officer Fund to provide families of police officers who died in the line of duty with cash assistance and health care coverage (PA 24-27)
- Toughened penalties for killing a police dog (PA 24-65)
- With the Joint Council of Fire Service Organizations led passage of the most significant reorganization of how Connecticut administers the Fire Service to make it more efficient and positioned to best address recruitment & retention issues going forward (HB 5483)
- Improving the Criminal Justice Response to victims of Sexual Assault (HB 5399)



Dear neighbor,

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. We also filled our priority buckets by increasing funding for higher education, early childhood, mental health, and nonprofits.

This newsletter has more details.

Enjoy,

Rep. Boyd with the camp staff of the Windham-Tolland County 4H after securing funding to do emergency repairs to the dam in Pomfret so the camp can remain open.



NEW LAWS IN CT: A YEAR IN REVIEW

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CAPITOL UPDATE 2024



Celebrating Mansfield's winning of the Democracy Cup with the Secretary of the State and Town Leadership at the Mansfield Town Council Chambers



BIG WINS FOR ASHFORD, BROOKLYN, EASTFORD, HAMPTON, MANSFIELD, POMFRET, WOODSTOCK

- Providing Quality Care for Seniors
- Maintaining Historic Tax Cuts
- Making Childcare More Affordable and Accessible
- Maintaining CT's Future Fiscal Integrity
- Funding secured for the 50th District: \$33,831,120.80

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



Meeting with a constituent from Hampton who came to the State House to advocate for Seniors

MAJOR INITIATIVES AFFECTING ASHFORD, BROOKLYN, EASTFORD, HAMPTON, MANSFIELD, POMFRET, WOODSTOCK

MAKING CT SENIORS A PRIORITY

- Expedited Medicaid coverage for home-based care as an alternative to more costly nursing home care (PA 24-39)
- Required home care workers to wear photo-ID badges (PA 24-39)
- Strengthened oversight of negligent nursing homes (PA 24-141)

SUPPORTING AND HONORING VETERANS

- Exempted permanently and totally disabled veterans from paying property taxes (PA 24-46)
- Made it easier for veterans to earn a Q license endorsement to join fire departments (PA 24-14)
- Expanded eligibility for grants from the Military Relief Fund for families experiencing hardship (PA 24-57)

PROTECTING DEMOCRACY

- Banned foreign nationals from making campaign contributions in CT or spending money on behalf of candidates (SB 253)
- Required video monitoring of ballot drop boxes (PA 24-148)
- Made it a crime to harass election workers (PA 24-148)

SUPPORTING LOCAL SCHOOLS

- Required same day parental notification when a child hurts themselves or others (PA 24-93)
- 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 (PA 24-81)
- Provided help to classroom paraeducators to pay for their health insurance (PA 24-81)