

Dear Neighbor,

The 2026 legislative session is in the rearview mirror, and I want to share some highlights in this newsletter.

It was a jam-packed session full of big ideas and important policies. What were people saying about the 2026 session? Here's a taste:

“Making Historic Investments in Police, Fire, EMS, & Veterans”

-CT Mirror

“Connecticut budget adds free school breakfasts, ends sales tax on school supplies”

-Hearst CT

This newsletter has details about legislation we passed and key policy initiatives from the 2026 session. I hope you find it informative.

Enjoy,

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HISTORIC INVESTMENTS AND PROTECTIONS FOR WORKERS

- Created a **tuition assistance program AND mortgage assistance program** for first responders
- Expanded **financial protections to keep public school teachers from paying out-of-pocket** expenses if they get assaulted on the job
- **Financially protected health care employees** if they get assaulted on the job
- Provided **State health insurance to families of volunteer firefighters and state marshals** who lose their life in the line of duty
- Developed stricter guidelines for warehouse distribution centers, ensuring **employees are no longer forced to sacrifice bathroom breaks and meals to meet production targets**

MAKING CT MORE AFFORDABLE

- Banned surveillance pricing, ensuring **grocers can't charge you more based on your individual shopping habits**
- **Expanded sales tax-free week** to include clothing, shoes, and backpacks under \$300
- Created a **family caregiver tax credit** for residents caring for a loved one

INVESTING IN OUR KIDS

- **\$190 million** in additional direct support for schools
- **\$12 million** to establish **universal free school breakfast** programs across the state
- Deposited **\$300 million** into the Early Childhood Education Endowment, supporting **universal free and reduced price childcare**
- Newly launched **literacy interventions and concentrated tutoring**

SERVING THOSE WHO SERVED

- Created a **dental care program** for eligible veterans to cover up to \$3,000 in costs annually
- **Waived fees** on veterans' drivers' licenses and ID cards
- **Cracked down on scammers** who go after veterans pretending to be licensed claim agents or attorneys

FUNDING FOR VERNON

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

This year we secured:

\$3,310,367
for Education

\$2,263,017
for Town Aid

\$5,573,384
in total additional funds

