

# WORKING FOR YOU

- Secured \$75 million in state funding to build a new John Winthrop Elementary School
- Secured an additional \$7 million in state dollars for the city budget
- Worked to secure \$42 million in state dollars to address flooding in our neighborhoods



Dear Neighbor,

It is a privilege and honor to serve as your state representative. The 2023 legislative session is now in the rearview mirror, and I wanted to take a moment to check in and share some highlights from the past several months.

I'm proud to have worked on a budget that delivers historic tax cuts and increased funding for students, families, and our most vulnerable residents, while paying down our long-term debt, including an additional \$2.072 billion in unfunded future pension liability.

Most importantly, we did it by working together – without gimmicks or partisan politics. We prioritized education, supported nonprofits, and invested in public safety without the fighting you see in Washington.

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.

All my best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Brown".

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# STATE REPRESENTATIVE MARCUS BROWN

## CAPITOL UPDATE 2023



## 2023 SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Added \$150K to nonprofits who serve at-risk youth and help prevent youth violence
- Tax Cuts for 82% of filers making less than \$150K
- \$292K in new funding for the tax-exempt property the state owns
- \$3.49 million in new education funding
- 14 day early voting period for general elections
- Extended eligibility for state's debt-free Community college program

## OUR BIPARTISAN BUDGET INCLUDES HISTORIC TAX CUTS

- ✓ \$600 million middle class tax cut
- ✓ Increased **Earned Income Tax Credit** for lower income workers
- ✓ Expanded income tax cuts on retirement income to **benefit seniors**

## INVESTS:

- ✓ More funding for K-12 education
- ✓ More funding for higher education
- ✓ More funding for nonprofits
- ✓ More funding for childcare
- ✓ **MORE FUNDING FOR BRIDGEPORT**



## BUDGET

- Extended Time to Own down payment program that provides up to \$20K in down payment assistance for residents who have lived in CT for more than five years
- Added \$150K to non-profits who serve at-risk youth and help prevent youth violence
- Fully funded Baby Bonds program providing money to children born on HUSKY to go to school, start a business, or make a down payment

## EDUCATION

- Added \$3.49 million in new education funding
- Extended eligibility for the state's debt-free community college program to returning students
- Stabilizes colleges and universities by providing \$135 million over next two years
- Increased special education funding

## LEGISLATION

- Allowed for early voting in general and primary elections
- Increased funding for schools across CT and in Bridgeport by improving the Education Cost Sharing Formula to make it more equitable
- Increased funding for gun violence prevention programs
- Increased funding by \$33.2 million in support for victims of crime
- Creates multi-state taskforce to tackle catalytic converter theft

## ECONOMY

- Cuts business taxes to promote expansion of childcare facilities
- Paid off debt from 2008 saving future taxpayers \$22 million
- Freezes increases on diesel tax helping to lower cost of commodities and groceries
- Provides \$60 million in combined increases for PILOT, local capitol improvement, and car tax reimbursement