



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 provides a \$250 check to working families under EITC guidelines and \$300 million to fund the childcare trust fund. We devoted hundreds of millions of dollars to special education and we approved comprehensive energy legislation to reduce electric bills for businesses and families.

***“Connecticut will be poised to continue saving hundreds of millions of dollars annually to continue paying down its hefty pension debt at an accelerated pace.”***

***-CT Mirror***

We did it responsibly. This newsletter has more details about the 2025 legislative session.

Enjoy,

*Larry B. Butler*

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## OUR SINGLE-GREATEST INVESTMENT IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

- Established a new Special Education Expansion and Development (SEED) grant program based on school needs to help build local capacity so more students can be served closer to home.
- Ensured our reimbursement grant for high-needs students is funded at its highest level in Connecticut history.
- Increased state funding for local capital improvements related to special education.

## SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

### INVESTING IN CHILDCARE

- We established the Early Childhood Education Endowment starting with a down payment of nearly \$300 million.

### CHILDCARE ASSISTANCE

- By 2027, families earning up to \$100,000 will be able to receive childcare at no cost, while families earning more than \$100,000 will pay no more than 7% of their income for childcare.

## TAKING PUBLIC SAFETY SERIOUSLY

- 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.
- Increased penalties for street racing and takeovers, including two-year license suspensions.



## A STATE BUDGET THAT INVESTS IN YOUR PRIORITIES

- Our budget is the single greatest investment in childcare in Connecticut’s history.
- We delivered targeted, meaningful tax relief and long-term support for working families.
- Our comprehensive energy reforms will mean lower bills and a smarter grid.



## FUNDING FOR WATERBURY

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

This year we secured:

**\$10,757,478**

for Education Cost Sharing

**\$5,500,000**

for Municipal Grants

**\$369,079**

for Waterbury Road Infrastructure