



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.

Although this budget took some important steps towards tax reform, I am a firm believer that Connecticut's tax structure remains unfair and burdensome to the working people of this state. I will continue working to create a fairer tax structure that puts working and middle class people first.

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.

Sincerely,

Brandon Chafee



NEW LAWS IN CT: A YEAR IN REVIEW

FROM STATE REPRESENTATIVE BRANDON CHAFEE

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OUR BIPARTISAN BUDGET INCLUDES

HISTORIC TAX CUTS

A STATE BUDGET FOCUSED ON:



CUTTING YOUR TAXES

Our budget includes the **largest Personal Income Tax cut in CT history** by cutting marginal income tax rates, increasing the Earned Income Tax Credit, capping mill rates, and eliminating even more retirement income taxes.



INVESTING IN STUDENTS

Our budget **invests over \$240M in public education** by stabilizing our state colleges and universities, expanding debt-free community college, fully funding our schools and local Boards of Education, and increasing scholarships and student debt relief. This includes \$23.8 million in Fiscal Year 2024 and \$26.1 million in Fiscal Year 2025 for Middletown.



SAFETY NET SERVICES

Our budget expands Temporary Family Assistance, increases Husky C eligibility, provides funds to community action agencies for residents facing immediate economic hardship, supports the 9-8-8 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, and increases Medicaid rate reimbursements for providers and specialists.



IDD SUPPORTS

Our budget **invests over \$30M to better serve Intellectually or Developmentally Disabled individuals** by addressing agency waiting lists for services, bolstering employment opportunities, increasing Husky C eligibility, and breaking down silos for better coordination and data collection.



TOTAL AID TO MIDDLETOWN

Our budget allocates \$47.2 million for Fiscal Year 2024 and \$49.5 million for Fiscal Year 2025 for Middletown.

RENTER PROTECTION

- Increased municipal fines to \$2000 for rental property violations (unsanitary or unsafe living conditions)
- Required landlords to offer walk-throughs prior to signing a lease
- Capped rental application fees at \$50
- Erased judicial records for renters who win eviction cases
- Required a more timely return of security deposits
- Capped late charges for past due rent

WRONG WAY AND RECKLESS DRIVING

- Installing at least 120 wrong way driving systems on our highway exit ramps
- Installing emergency systems to alert all drivers about the presence of a wrong-way driver at high-risk exits
- Testing directional rumble strips to alert drivers that they are driving in the wrong direction
- Expanding speed enforcement on rural roads

REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

- Allowed pharmacists to prescribe emergency contraceptives and guaranteed their availability in cases of an emergency
- Directed all state college and university campuses to provide reproductive health resources to students
- Prohibited insurers from discriminating between patients based on gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, or age regarding coverage for infertility treatment
- Kept healthcare providers from being punished, losing their license, or experiencing insurance hikes because they provided reproductive healthcare services
- Extended health insurance coverage for newborns from 61 to 91 days

