



Dear Friends and Neighbors

It remains a privilege and honor to serve as your state representative. The 2025 legislative session featured big issues like lowering energy bills, childcare, relief for working class families, and the state budget – and we tackled them all.

Our budget provides \$300 million to fund the childcare trust fund. We devoted hundreds of millions of dollars to special education and approved comprehensive energy legislation to reduce electric bills for businesses and families. We secured \$434.8 million in state funding for Stamford Schools.

We did it all responsibly. This newsletter has more details about the 2025 legislative session. I remain filled with deep gratitude and pride to serve you as your state representative. Please feel free to reach out to me whenever anything is top of mind for you and I can be of service. Hope you had a great summer!

Warm regards,

Eilish Collins Main

MY COMMITTEES AND CAUCUSES

- Transportation, Commerce and Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee
- End Homelessness Caucus
- Reproductive Rights Caucus
- Task Force to Address Consumer High Equity Borrowing
- Moderate Caucus



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MAJOR WINS FOR STAMFORD

STRENGTHENED HOMEOWNER RIGHTS:

- Prevented people from being foreclosed on for small, missed sewer payments.
- Increased the reimbursement homebuyers get when their contractor goes bankrupt and cannot repay them.
- Prevented condo associations from prohibiting homeowners from installing solar panels on their detached homes.

SUPPORTED OUR SENIORS:

- Ensured insurance coverage of biomarker testing to detect cancer early and improve treatment.
- Provided free online college courses to our nursing home residents.
- Created anti-discrimination protections for residents of long-term care facilities and now require their staff to receive anti-discrimination training.

SERVING ALL OF CONNECTICUT'S RESIDENTS

HELPING OUR WORKING AND MIDDLE CLASS FAMILIES:

- Helped first-time homebuyers save money through new tax-free savings accounts.
- Banned landlords from using your private data to set higher rent prices.
- Ensured access to fair rent commissions to curb egregious rent hikes.
- Made it easier for contractors to bring on an apprentice.
- Made it easier for out-of-state CPAs to relocate to CT.
- Made it easier for out-of-state marriage and family therapists to relocate to CT.

A BALANCED BUDGET AND AN EQUITABLE APPROACH TO STATE TAXES

Thanks to sound budgeting and the leadership of Democrats in the state legislature we:

- Provided Medicaid increases for providers and increased funding for Federally Qualified Health Centers for the first time in years.
- Increased rates will reach 17 providers located in 250 facilities in communities around our state who serve over 440,000 of our residents.

We delivered targeted, meaningful relief and long-term support for working families through fairer tax policies:

- **Established an Enhanced Tax Credit for Families:** We created a refundable tax credit of \$250 per filer through the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) framework– helping working families keep more of what they earn.
- **Supported Childcare Providers:** We created a \$500 refundable tax credit for home daycare owners.
- **Helped Families Save For College:** We launched a tax credit for employers who contribute to their employees' CHET accounts.



CUTTING YOUR ELECTRIC BILL, NOT YOUR POWER

- Our comprehensive reforms deliver \$780 million in savings over the next few years.
- Moved programmatic charges out of your bill and created better oversight of new charges.
- Capped infrastructure programs that utility companies make us pay for while they profit off the interest.
- Removed industry subsidies from our clean energy investments.

EDUCATION IS A TOP PRIORITY

INVESTING IN EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION:

- We established the Early Childhood Education Endowment with a down payment of nearly \$300 million.
- By 2027, families earning up to \$100,000 will be able to receive childcare at no cost, while families earning more will pay no more than 7% of their income for childcare.
- We authorized \$80 million to help childcare providers expand and upgrade their facilities.

KEEPING OUR COLLEGE GRADS IN CT:

- We created the new “finish line” scholarship program to help students attending free community college to finish their bachelor's degree.
- Increased funding for merit- and need-based scholarships at private colleges.
- Made it easier for college graduates to qualify for state loan forgiveness programs.

OUR OVERHAUL PRIORITIZED BETTER ACCESS TO SERVICES FOR OUR STUDENTS:

- Our single greatest investment in special education ensuring reimbursement grants and funding.



VOTING RECORD

- 100% Legislative Voting Record
- 91% Rating from the CT League of Conservation Voters