



Dear Neighbor,

It is truly an honor to serve as your representative, and I'm excited to share some of what we accomplished together this past session. I'm proud that we secured **\$29.4 million in additional state school construction reimbursements** for two of our local schools - real dollars that reduce the burden on Branford taxpayers. We also passed a **bipartisan budget** rooted in fiscal responsibility, because doing right by you means finding common ground. And even as we've had to push back against the uncertainty and disruption coming from Washington - fighting to protect the programs and values Connecticut families depend on - we never lost sight of our ongoing commitment to education, child welfare, and our environment. Thank you for the privilege of representing you.

Warmly,

Robin Comey
State Representative, 102nd District



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BIG WINS FOR BRANFORD

- \$115.6 K of municipal funding to the town of Branford
- \$153.5 K in education funding for Branford schools
- \$4 Million for Shoreline East
- \$100K for Branford Food Pantry Upgrades
- \$800K from the DOT Community Connectivity Grant

PROTECTING VULNERABLE RESIDENTS

What sets Connecticut apart from many states is our shared belief that everyone deserves dignity. We worked hard, as we do every year, to protect our most vulnerable—even when they’re not always popular issues to take up.

- Improved state efforts to protect our IDD population from neglect and abuse
- Increased coordination between state agencies and law enforcement in the fight against human trafficking
- Required AI bots to detect self-harm and violence, and mandated disclosure notices
- Addressed healthcare gaps in correctional facilities

CARING FOR OUR SENIORS AND VETERANS

- Bolstered efforts to connect veterans with employment opportunities
- Created a dental care program for thousands of eligible veterans in our state to cover up to \$3,000 annually
- Ensured residential care home residents can set up cameras in their rooms to stay connected with family and monitor their care
- Required assisted living facilities to give 60 days’ notice before any fee increase. If the increase is more than 10%, the facility must hold an informational hearing where residents and families can weigh in
- Required homemaker companions to get 8 hours of annual training

CT HOUSE DEMOCRATS SHEPHERD PASSAGE OF BIPARTISAN BUDGET

OVER \$300 MILLION RELIEF PACKAGE FOR CITIES, TOWNS, AND SCHOOLS

THANKS TO SOUND BUDGETING, WE MADE HISTORIC INVESTMENTS IN EDUCATION, INCLUDING:

- \$190 million in additional direct support for schools
- Newly launched literacy interventions and concentrated tutoring
- \$12 million to establish universal free school breakfast programs across the state
- Expanded grants for successful special education programs
- Helped paraeducators who are laid off over the summer to collect unemployment
- Over \$300 million for the Early Childhood Education Endowment

DELIVERED SMART FINANCE POLICY WITHOUT TAX INCREASES OR ENGAGING IN PARTISAN POLITICS:

- Continued our commitment to responsible budgeting by putting \$1 billion toward paying down long-term debt
- Deposited another \$50 million into our emergency federal response fund
- Maintained our Budget Reserve Fund (often called “rainy day fund”) at a historic level

INVESTED IN CONNECTICUT BUSINESSES AND JOB GROWTH:

- Helped small businesses offer healthcare support by providing a tax credit when they contribute toward employees’ individual health insurance coverage
- Supported small businesses and biotech companies through a new research and development tax credit to help them grow and create jobs in our state

WORKED TO ENSURE ELECTION INTEGRITY:

- Provided \$3.25 million for early voting and voter information campaigns
- Allocated funds for new universal no-excuse absentee voting

MAKING CONNECTICUT MORE AFFORDABLE:

- Created a family caregiver tax credit for residents caring for a loved one
- Banned surveillance pricing in stores and on most delivery apps
- Expanded sales tax-free week including making school supplies tax-free
- Capped the taxable value of 20 year old cars

FIGHTING FOR AFFORDABILITY AND FAIRNESS IN HEALTHCARE GIVING OUR PATIENTS AND HEALTHCARE WORKER PROTECTIONS

- Required health insurers to highlight changes to their prescription drug coverage during their open enrollment periods
- Required private insurance to cover: PANS/PANDAS, athletic prosthetics, scalp cooling, and expanded infertility diagnosis and treatment
- Made sure our state can review and negotiate lower prescription drug prices
- Created tools for the state to crack down on unlicensed health care operations
- Financially protected health care employees if they get assaulted on the job
- Required the disclosure of private equity owners in our hospital systems, including nursing homes, and banned sale-leaseback deals

PROTECTING VULNERABLE CHILDREN

- House Democrats are leading the bipartisan effort to reform our Department of Children and Families with policies and procedures that put children first
- We passed legislation that is providing more resources and oversight while supporting increased training and mentorship for the DCF workforce. Transparency and accountability are paramount with the establishment of an interagency council to coordinate child safety and timely intervention
- We’ve improved child abuse and neglect registry procedures as well as background checks in camps, after-care and early care programs
- To keep our kids from falling through the cracks when they’re withdrawn from public school, we’ve set up some common sense procedures while balancing the rights and privacy of parents who are responsibly educating their children
- We’ve protected children from invasive social media algorithms and required companies to warn kids about the mental health dangers of social media
- We’ve strengthened our regulations around vape sales

