



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

We worked hard to deliver a budget that adheres to our fiscal guardrails while still providing hundreds of millions in more funding to our local schools, colleges and universities, and services for our most vulnerable residents. As part of our historic tax cuts, families of four who make under \$50,000 annually **will pay no state income taxes**. This is another important step in making CT affordable for everyone.

We did it by working together – 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 the initiatives addressed in this legislative update.

Sincerely,



NEW LAWS FOR 2023-24

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BIG WINS FOR GROTON AND NEW LONDON

- \$50 million for the U.S. Subbase's infrastructure
- \$7,236,237 for the New London Community Center
- Over \$5 million for Groton projects
- Over \$4 million for West Side Middle School
- Over \$5 million for New London High School
- \$125,000 to relocate the Eastern Chamber of Commerce to downtown New London
- \$498,796 for the Lyman Allen Park
- \$6,447 for the New London Cultural District Commission

INVESTING IN EDUCATION

One of the most important investments that we can make is in education. We are increasing local education funding over the next five years while also offering loan repayment assistance to our college graduates

- Invests over \$240 million in public education for the 2024-2025 school year
- Improves transitional services from K-12 for students with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities
- Created a student loan forgiveness program, starting in July 2024, that will forgive up to \$20,000 in debt in exchange for volunteering at a local nonprofit (PA 23-204)
- Stabilized our state colleges and universities by providing \$135 million more than the governor proposed in the two-year budget

OUR BIPARTISAN BUDGET INCLUDES THE

LARGEST TAX CUT IN STATE HISTORY

- ✓ \$600 million middle class tax cut
- ✓ Increase **Earned Income Tax Credit** for lower income workers
- ✓ Expand cuts to retirement savings 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 GROTON AND NEW LONDON**



PROVIDING FOR OUR HEROES

- Granted free graduate school tuition to eligible veterans and their families, as well as active members of the National Guard (PA 23-139)
- Expanded eligibility of state services to members of the Space Force (PA 23-71)
- Eased licensing requirements for childcare providers who serve military families (PA 23-29)
- Established funding and benefits for firefighters who are diagnosed with cancer (PA 23-204)
- \$3,390 for the Groton Old Mystic FD 5
- \$44,600 for the Groton: Poq. Bridge FD



EXPANDING VOTING ACCESS

This session we made dramatic updates to our voting system. While Connecticut previously lagged behind the rest of the nation regarding early voting, we are proudly caught up and now championing expanded voting access.

- Enacted early voting – providing voting opportunities 14 days before Election Day for the general elections, 7 days before most primaries, and 4 days before special elections and the Presidential primary (PA 23-5)
- Every municipality must establish at least one early voting location, but may establish more
- Approved a resolution that will ask voters in the November 2024 election whether we should have no-excuse absentee ballots (HJ 1)
- Adopted anti-discrimination laws around voting (PA 23-204)