Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The 2025 legislative session was a session of big ideas, bipartisanism, hard work, and solutions.

Connecticut is different from Washington. While the Trump Administration worked to cut funding to disabled veterans, strip healthcare from children, and roll back access to programs for our families – we did the opposite.

Instead of drawing lines in the sand, we collaborated and had conversations with our legislative colleagues – regardless of party – and that can be seen in the work we do and the laws we passed. We focused on the important issues in 2025: making Connecticut more affordable, protecting our rights, honoring our veterans, and investing in our kids' future. To me, these were not just policies on paper – these were promises to keep to the people we serve: our community, our state, and our country.

As always, I remain filled with deep gratitude and pride to be your state representative. Thank you for trusting me to be your voice in Hartford.

Sincerely,







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# DEFENDING CIVIL RIGHTS: PROTECTING CT RESIDENTS

- Made it illegal to ever privatize a prison in Connecticut.
- Created safe havens from bail bondsmen in schools, hospitals, and churches.
- Stopped the practice of handcuffing kids under 14.
- Forced social media companies to have policies on cyberbullying, stopped ads targeting minors online, and banned the sale of your sensitive data without your consent.
- Made it easier for kids who age out of foster care to access services, including special education programs.

### HONORING OUR VETERANS

- Exempted veteran disability pay as an eligibility requirement for certain state social programs.
- Increased veteran affairs staff to assist veterans securing their benefits.
- Provided no-cost driver's license renewals for veterans.
- Expanded tuition waivers for veterans and National Guard members.

### **INVESTING IN EDUCATION**

- Passed CT's single biggest 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.
- Established an investable trust to provide sustainable funding for new childcare programs.
- Secured over \$221 million in annual reimbursement for special education costs.
- Ensured our reimbursement grant for high-needs students is funded at its highest level in Connecticut history.

### LOWERING THE COST OF LIVING

- Delivered comprehensive energy reforms, which will result in lower electric bills.
- 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.
- Expanded coverage under the Firefighters Cancer Relief Program to include skin cancer.
- Expanded Paid Family and Medical Leave to school secretaries, nurses, custodians, security officers, paraeducators, and other school employees.
- Cracked down on insurance carriers to ensure better parity between mental and physical health coverage.
- Strengthened the Department of Labor to combat wage theft more effectively.



## **FUNDING FOR STAMFORD**

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

This year we secured:

\$434.8 MILLION for school construction

\$142 MILLION

Westhill High and Roxbury Elementary School projects

\$22.3 MILLION for Education

\$80.8 MILLION

for additional funds

