

# SESSION WRAP-UP

Dear Neighbor,

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 gimmicks or partisan politics.

I'd love to hear from anyone who wants to share their opinion or has any questions on the initiatives addressed in this legislative update.

Sincerely,



## BIG WINS FOR WATERBURY

- ✓ Additional \$7.8M for our schools (\$171.9M total)
- ✓ Additional \$21.5K for Adult Education (\$2.2M total)
- ✓ Mill car tax cap - no car owner in any municipality is required to pay a rate of more than 32.46 mills
- ✓ Additional \$6.4M to maintain the capped mill rate for lower motor vehicle taxes (\$21.9M total)
- ✓ Additional \$730K for local capital improvements (\$2.2M total)
- ✓ Red Light Camera Initiative to promote safe driving
- ✓ \$5M for paraeducators' health care

# LEGISLATIVE UPDATES FOR 2023-24 FROM STATE REPRESENTATIVE DIGIOVANCARLO

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## SUPPORTING SENIORS

- Established a new coordinator of state services for people with dementia
- Expanded eligibility for seniors to participate in adult day services (serving those with early onset dementia)
- Strengthened patients' involvement in their homemaker care plans and streamlined the process for filing complaints
- Required homemaker companion companies to provide notice to their clients before they abruptly close and prohibited any increases in rates without at least 60 day notice
- Expanded Medicaid coverage for services including primary healthcare, physical therapy, and meals
- Increased funding for elderly nutrition and Meals on Wheels
- Allowed banks to freeze transactions when they suspect a senior is being scammed
- Current law exempts 100% of pension and annuity income from the state's income tax, and we are halfway to phasing out 100% of IRA income for those making \$75,000 or less annually (\$100,000 for joint filers).

## MAKING CT SAFER

- Expanded GPS monitoring of domestic violence offenders
- Made it illegal for adults to solicit photos and videos from kids online, even if they're not explicitly sexual
- Formed a special police task force to deal with abuse of kids online
- Required trained EMTs to carry and use EpiPens
- Modernized our blight laws and extended local enforcement to commercial properties
- Improved data collection on crimes involving firearms



# 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.



### INDUSTRY GROWTH

Our budget **supports CT's growing industries** such as childcare, adult-use cannabis, manufacturing, as well as media, film, and theater production.



### 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.



### 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.

## FUNDING FOR WATERBURY ORGANIZATIONS

- Boys and Girls Club of Greater Waterbury -- **\$100,000**
- Waterbury Police Activity League - **\$50,000**
- Waterbury Youth Services, Inc. - **\$20,000**
- Hispanic Coalition of Greater Waterbury, Inc. -- **\$100,000**
- Waterbury Patriots Football League - **\$7,000**
- Waterbury Knights Youth Football & Cheer, Inc - **\$7,000**
- Yeshiva Gedolah of Waterbury - **\$10,000**



## ADDRESSES AFFORDABILITY

Provides \$820 million over the biennium in capital support towards housing development and housing financial assistance, including:

- \$150 million for the Time-To-Own program - assisting the purchase of more than 1,250 homes annually
- \$200 million to expand workforce development housing
- \$450 million committed to new construction and renovation
- \$20 million for housing security initiatives - shelters, outreach, and landlord assistance

