

GROWING OUR ECONOMY

- Expanded the small business loan program in lower-income communities and enabled more out-of-state businesses to expand into CT (PA 24-36)
- Established a trade commission with Ireland (PA 24-60)
- Created a fund to improve and manage our small harbors (PA 24-48)
- Made it easier for out-of-state nurses and social workers to move to and practice in CT (PA 24-83 and PA 24-30)



The 2024 legislative session is in the books, and I am proud of what we accomplished.

My goal for the session was to ensure we invested in our priorities while preserving tax cuts for families and seniors. As the vice-chair of the Public Safety Committee, I am proud to highlight laws passed to ensure the safety of our state.

By passing our fiscal stabilization plan we protected the largest and second largest tax cuts in state history and ensured more retirement income would be tax-exempt. We also filled our priority buckets by increasing funding for public safety, early childhood, mental health, and nonprofits.

This newsletter has more details.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael DiGiovancarlo".

Michael DiGiovancarlo

NEW LAWS IN CT: A YEAR IN REVIEW

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CAPITOL UPDATE 2024



BIG WINS FOR WATERBURY

- Largest and second largest tax cuts in CT history
- Cut more taxes on retirement income
- Historic funding for schools
- Massive deposit into Rainy Day Fund
- Providing quality care of seniors
- Making childcare more affordable and accessible
- Investing in growing healthcare workforce

OUR BIPARTISAN BUDGET INCLUDES PROTECTING TAX CUTS

WE PASSED A BIPARTISAN BIENNIUM BUDGET THAT INCLUDES HISTORIC TAX CUTS AND INVESTMENTS FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

- **LARGEST INCOME TAX CUT** in state history
- **Biggest investment in public education ever**
- **New supports for the IDD community**
- **Expansion of debt free community college**
- **Protected safety net programs**

THIS SESSION WE PROTECTED THESE TAX CUTS AND INVESTED MILLIONS OF FEDERAL FUNDS IN:

- **Higher Education - \$160 million with a path to grow to \$200 million**
- **Early Childcare - \$21.8 million**
- **Mental Health - \$24 million**
- **Nonprofits - \$50 million**



MAJOR INITIATIVES AFFECTING WATERBURY

MAKING CT SENIORS A PRIORITY

- Expedited Medicaid coverage for home-based care as an alternative to more costly nursing home care (PA 24-39)
- Required home care workers to wear photo-ID badges (PA 24-39)
- Created a new registry system to connect patients to home care providers and created a dashboard to help navigate nursing home options (PA 24-39)
- Prevented nursing homes from putting more than two patients in a single room (PA 24-141)
- Required nursing homes and retirement communities to provide at least 60-90 days notice of any fee increases and improved transparency around fees (PA 24-141)

SUPPORTING LOCAL SCHOOLS

- Required same day parental notification when a child hurts themselves or others (PA 24-93)
- Capped the amount of money all districts pay to send kids out of district - saving millions of dollars for local schools (PA 24-81)
- Required the State Department of Education to provide school districts an estimate of their next year's funding by the end of the current year, to ensure better budgeting (PA 24-81)
- Provided help to classroom paraeducators to pay for their health insurance (PA 24-81)

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Establishes that firefighter, police officer, or emergency medical service personnel died in the line of duty so that families can access additional benefits (PA 24-16)
- Establishes a Fallen Officer Fund so families will receive a lump sum payment and health insurance coverage for up to five years for a police officer killed in the line of duty (PA 24-27)
- Strengthened the enforcement of vehicles that illegally pass school buses by allowing municipalities to utilize monitoring systems

SUPPORTING AND HONORING VETERANS

- Exempted permanently and totally disabled veterans from paying property taxes (PA 24-46)
- Made it easier for veterans to earn a Q license endorsement to join fire departments (PA 24-14)
- Expanded eligibility for grants from the Military Relief Fund for families experiencing hardship (PA 24-57)
- Expanded veterans' driver's license and license plate options to reservists (PA 24-146)
- Formally recognized Vietnam veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange (SJ 6)