

Dear Neighbor,

The 2025 legislative session featured big issues like lowering energy bills, childcare, special education, and the state budget – and we tackled them all.

Our budget provides a \$250 check to working families under EITC guidelines and \$300 million to fund the childcare trust fund. We devoted hundreds of millions of dollars to special education and we approved comprehensive energy legislation to reduce electric bills for businesses and families.

“Connecticut will be poised to continue saving hundreds of millions of dollars annually to continue paying down its hefty pension debt at an accelerated pace.”

-CT Mirror

And we did it responsibly. This newsletter has more details about the 2025 legislative session.

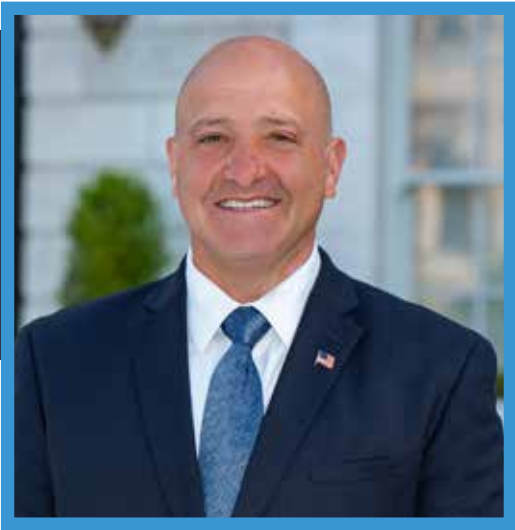
Enjoy,

Michael DiGiovancarlo



SUPPORTING OUR SENIORS

- We have ensured insurance coverage of biomarker testing to detect cancer early and improve treatment.
- We have closed a loophole so that all long-term care facility employees undergo a background check in order to keep residents safe.
- We made sure nursing home residents have access to free online college courses.



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CAPITOL UPDATE 2025

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CAPITOL UPDATE 2025

BIG WINS FOR
WATERBURY

- \$14.6 Million in Additional State Aid
- \$738,000 Increase in Town Aid Road Program
- \$10.8 Million Increase in Education Cost Sharing Grants
- \$3 Million for Waterbury Promise Program



CRACK DOWN ON
STREET TAKEOVERS

- Increased penalties for street racing and takeovers, including two-year license suspensions.
- Empowered towns to regulate and penalize street takeovers including the ability to seize and destroy confiscated vehicles.



SAFER
COMMUNITIES

- Ensured our police officers have more flexibility in using tasers and physical restraint.



KEEPING OUR
ROADS SAFE

- Made it easier for police officers to stop a motor vehicle if the operator is seen using cannabis or if the officer detects the odor of burnt cannabis.



WORKING FOR
CT’S WORKERS

- Expanded our landmark Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program to cover non-certified school employees, such as secretaries, nurses, custodians, security officers, and paraeducators.



SUPPORT FOR
FIRST RESPONDERS

- Expanded our “Fallen Officer Fund” to cover the family of firefighters, EMT personnel, and paramedics who are killed in the line of duty so that they can receive cash benefits and health insurance coverage.



A BALANCED BUDGET
AND OUR
SECOND-LARGEST
SURPLUS IN STATE HISTORY

THANKS TO SOUND BUDGETING AND THE LEADERSHIP
OF DEMOCRATS IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE WE:

- Delivered Single Greatest Investment in Children in Connecticut’s History
- Made Historic Investments in Special Education (\$5 Million)

WE DELIVERED TARGETED, MEANINGFUL RELIEF AND
LONG-TERM SUPPORT FOR WORKING FAMILIES
THROUGH FAIRER TAX POLICIES:

- Established an Enhanced Tax Credit for Families
- Supported Childcare Providers
- Helped Families Save For College
- Expanded Capital for Special Education Infrastructure
- Invested in Our Workforce and Residents



HONORING OUR VETERANS

- We excluded veterans’ pension benefits from income eligibility determinations under HUSKY A & D, Medicaid, Medicare Savings Program, and CEAP. Additionally, we exempted service-connected disability compensation from income calculations for public defender eligibility - expanding access to legal defense for veterans with mental health conditions.
- We improved access to capital and job creation among our veterans by prioritizing disabled veteran entrepreneurs in the Small Business Express loan program.