



Dear Neighbor,

The 2026 legislative session is in the rearview mirror, and I want to share some highlights in this newsletter with you as your State Representative.

The 2026 legislative session focused on protecting Connecticut residents from federal attacks and addressing rising costs. From childcare and healthcare to worker protections and lowering energy bills, we tackled it all. We know that our unfair tax structure means property taxes are still too high, and we set aside more state funding generally, and more education dollars, to municipalities. Also, voters demanded better access to absentee ballots, and we ensured their voices were heard.

I remain filled with deep gratitude and pride to be your State Representative. The 2026 session may be over, but I'm here to serve you every day. I welcome your questions and ideas anytime and please reach out to me if I can be of assistance to you or your family.

Warmly,

Kate

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MAKING CONNECTICUT MORE AFFORDABLE

- Invested over \$190 million in additional support for schools and \$12 million for every child in the state to have free school breakfast
- Created nearly 1000 new childcare spaces across the state
- Expanded sales tax-free week to include clothing, shoes, and backpacks under \$300 and made basic school supplies tax free
- Created a family caregiver tax credit for residents caring for a loved one
- Ensured our state can review and negotiate lower prescription drug prices
- Banned surveillance pricing in stores and on most delivery apps

SUPPORTING THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY

- Financially protected healthcare employees and teachers if they get assaulted on the job
- Created new higher education tuition waivers and mortgage assistance for first responders
- Provided health insurance to the families of volunteer firefighters lost in the line of duty



PROTECTING CHILDREN AND SENIORS

- Established greater oversight of the Department of Children and Families and increased funding for workforce training and parent services
- Cracked down on private equity ownership of nursing homes
- Ensured residential care home residents can set up cameras in their rooms to stay connected with family and monitor their care

A STATE BUDGET THAT INVESTS IN OUR FUTURE

- Invested over \$190 million in additional direct support for schools and \$100 million in additional municipal aid to mitigate local tax increases
- Continued our commitment to responsible budgeting by putting \$1 billion toward paying down long-term pension debt
- \$320 million for Early Childhood Education Endowment to bring down childcare costs for families and pay educators what they are worth
- Established a Federal Response Fund to address federal cuts that harm residents



Delivered an additional \$1.38 million in state funding for Newington and \$159,000 to keep the Newington High School school-based health center open



Delivered an additional \$3.21 million in state funding for West Hartford to support education and stabilize property taxes