

BUILDING TOWARD SUSTAINABLE PROGRESS

2023 was a step toward sustainable progress in Connecticut. Early on, we extended the state's fiscal guardrails, which limit how much the state spends and borrows, while also setting benchmarks for funding previously unfunded liabilities. With better spending habits, we are moving toward more consistent tax relief for Connecticut residents. In 2024, we reinvested in this blueprint, while redirecting attention to our nonprofits, schools, community organizations, and other critical service providers. Through both fiscal discipline and bottom-up community investment, we are building a stronger Connecticut for the next generation.



Dear Neighbor,

Our 2024 successes once again arose from hard work for Berlin, Meriden, and Cheshire. In my second session, I redoubled my efforts to confront our district's biggest challenges.

For my family, the cost of living isn't a talking point— it impacts us every single month. This term, I've pushed for tax relief for middle-class earners, retired seniors who have paid their fair share, working families, and disabled veterans. Now, we need better tax incentives for first-time homebuyers, to ensure home ownership is not just an American Dream, but an attainable goal.

We need safety in our neighborhoods. From establishing Connecticut's first Fallen Officer Fund, to securing new bonding for the Berlin Police Department, to cracking down on unauthorized substance sales, and promoting safer highways, your family's safety remains my focus.

Education is the doorway to success for the next generation. This session, I've fought for historic investments in K-12 educational programs, significant infrastructure improvements district wide, and better vocational training for technical students.

Persistence, critical thinking, and a willingness to listen are the best tools to do this job. We cannot succeed without your honest feedback, and I appreciate every bit of input I receive, whether we agree on an issue or not. May we continue to work together and move our district forward.

Your neighbor,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jack Fazzino".



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CAPITOL UPDATE 2024



SESSION 2024 HIGHLIGHTS

- Reinforcing fiscally wise budget practices
- Strengthening standards of care for our senior citizens
- Fostering more accountability and oversight in our elections
- Allocating funds for our municipalities, nonprofits, and community organizations



FUNDING WIN FOR THE

83RD DISTRICT

Funding wins for Berlin

- \$3.13 million in DAS funding for school HVAC improvements.
- \$750,000 in state bonding for Berlin Police Station renovations.
- \$253,000 in DECD funding for Town of Berlin via P.A. 23-204.

Funding wins for Meriden

- \$2.45 million in DAS funding for school HVAC improvements.
- \$1.5 million in OPM funding for Meriden non-profit capital improvements.
- \$500,000 in municipal aid for City of Meriden via P.A. 24-81.

Funding wins for Cheshire

- \$900,000 in DAS funding for school HVAC improvements.
- \$750,000 in state bonding for Cheshire Miracle Field development.



MAJOR INITIATIVES AFFECTING BERLIN, MERIDEN, AND CHESHIRE

GROWING CONNECTICUT'S ECONOMY

- As Vice Chair of the Commerce Committee, I spearheaded legislation that expands flexibility and investment opportunity for the Community Economic Development Fund. Based in Meriden, the CEDF partners with local entrepreneurs to spur small business growth in distressed municipalities across the state and, now, around the region
- Voted to improve workforce development and job retention in both public and private sectors by capping occupational license fees, reducing barriers for nurses and social workers to practice in Connecticut, and streamlining teacher certifications

ELEVATING ALL GENERATIONS

- Supported legislation improving quality care for seniors by expediting Medicare coverage for home-based care, making it a viable alternative to often-expensive nursing home care and strengthening oversight for negligent nursing homes
- Helped establish the Education Mandate Review Advisory Council in an effort to review and streamline burdensome mandates on local Boards of Education, fostering greater local autonomy to our administrators, educators, and staff

PROTECTING THOSE WHO PROTECT US

- I helped establish Connecticut's Fallen Officer Fund, providing financial assistance to the families and/or beneficiaries of a police officer who is killed in the line of duty
- I worked to expand the period in which a police officer or firefighter is deemed "in the line of duty" so that if these first responders suffer a cardiac event or other similar serious medical incident within this statutory time frame, they and/or their families are entitled to certain coverage

BUILDING SAFER COMMUNITIES

- I supported legislation that would have stiffened penalties for unlawful street takeovers. If passed, this bill would have expedited license revocations for street takeover participants and drag racers, enabled municipalities to confiscate and destroy certain vehicles used in street takeovers, and authorized municipalities to adopt ordinances penalizing unlawful acts. While the Senate did not take up the bill this year, I will continue working to ensure this legislation becomes law