



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,

STATE REPRESENTATIVE ANTONIO FELIPE

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BIG WINS FOR BRIDGEPORT

- Cut Your Electric Bill
- Provided Millions for Special Education
- \$250 Tax Credit for Working Families
- Made Childcare More Affordable and Accessible

SUPPORT FOR HOUSING

- Reduced red tape for converting vacant commercial property to housing. (SB 1444/PA 25-49)
- Required developers to finish their work in a timely manner, rather than leaving projects half-finished for years. (PA 25-53)
- Prevented people from being foreclosed on for small, missed sewer payments. (SB 1187)
- Increased the reimbursement homebuyers get when their contractor goes bankrupt and cannot repay them. (PA 25-53)
- Required businesses, including landlords and car salesmen, to advertise all-in pricing and cracked down on hidden fees across industries. (SB 3)

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

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



SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

In the 2025 Session I introduced a bill that would establish a State Child Tax Credit for our working families that provided a benefit per child. While we are still fighting for a full Child Tax Credit in the legislature we were able to deliver relief to those families in the form of Earned income tax credit expansion. Starting with next year's taxes families eligible for the EITC that have children will get a credit of \$250 to help with family expenses.

While more relief is sorely needed, I recognize the plight that our residents face raising children in the current economy and policy like this is an acknowledgment that action must be taken to ease the burden.



EDUCATION RELIEF IN BRIDGEPORT

This session the Bridgeport Delegation secured \$74M for a Special Education Center for Bridgeport Public Schools. Special Education services are critical to a successful school district and having a facility dedicated to those needs allows us to compile resources and reduce costs.

The delegation also ensured an audit of district finances to ensure BPS Central Office and the Board of Education are best equipped to use funds that are available. The need for more funding is evident and I have fought incredibly hard as your representative to increase state funding for our education system. As the fight continues this audit will equip us with the tools necessary to give targeted financial support to the district.