

SESSION WRAP-UP

It is a privilege and honor to serve as your state representative. The 2023 legislative session is now in the rearview mirror, and I wanted to take a moment to check in and share some highlights from the past several months.

I'm proud to have worked on a budget that delivers historic tax cuts and increased funding for students, families, and our most vulnerable residents, while paying down our long-term debt, including an additional \$2.072 billion in unfunded future pension liability.

Most importantly, we did it by working together – without gimmicks or partisan politics. We prioritized education, supported non-profits, and invested in public safety without the fighting you see in Washington.

I'd love to hear from you if you would like more details or have any questions on any of the initiatives addressed in this legislative update.

Sincerely,



BIG COMMON SENSE WINS

- ✓ Historic funding for schools
- ✓ Massive deposit into Rainy Day Fund
- ✓ Sensible/sustainable budget
- ✓ CT a beacon for reproductive healthcare
- ✓ Modern voting system with early voting
- ✓ Invest in growing healthcare workforce

NEW LAWS FOR 2023-24

FROM STATE REPRESENTATIVE MARY FORTIER

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SUPPORTING SENIORS

- Established a new coordinator of state services for people with dementia
- Strengthened patients' involvement in their homemaker care plans and streamlined the process for filing complaints
- Expanded eligibility for seniors to participate in adult day services (serving those with early onset dementia)
- Increased funding for elderly nutrition and Meals on Wheels
- Required homemaker companion companies to provide notice to their clients before they abruptly close and prohibited any increases in rates without at least 60-day notice

SUPPORTING WORKERS AND SMALL BUSINESSES

- Cut the number of reporting requirements for businesses
- Cut business taxes to promote expansion of childcare facilities
- Made it easier for small contractors to bid on state projects
- Expanded school-based apprenticeship opportunities in aviation and aerospace, training for future paraeducators, and dual credit/enrollment opportunities
- Created tax credits and incentives for towns and businesses that build workforce housing, including for teachers, police officers, and firefighters

OUR BIPARTISAN BUDGET INCLUDES HISTORIC TAX CUTS!

A STATE BUDGET FOCUSED ON:



CUTTING YOUR TAXES

Our budget includes the **largest Personal Income Tax cut in CT history** by cutting marginal income tax rates, increasing the Earned Income Tax Credit, capping mill rates, and eliminating even more retirement income taxes.



INDUSTRY GROWTH

Our budget **supports CT's growing industries** such as childcare, adult-use cannabis, manufacturing, and media, film and theater production.



INVESTING IN OUR STUDENTS

Our budget **invests over \$240M in public education** by stabilizing our state colleges and universities, expanding debt-free community college, fully funding our schools and local boards of education, and increasing scholarships and student debt relief.



SAFETY NET SERVICES

Our budget expands Temporary Family Assistance, increases Husky C. eligibility, provides funds to community action agencies for residents facing immediate economic hardship, supports the 9-8-8 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, and increases Medicaid rate reimbursements for providers and specialists.



IDD SUPPORTS

Our budget **invests over \$30M to better serve Intellectually or Developmentally Disabled individuals** by addressing agency waiting lists for services, bolstering employment opportunities, increasing Husky C eligibility, and breaking down silos for better coordination and data collection.

DELIVERING FOR BRISTOL

- **\$62,675,440** in total municipal dollars for Bristol next year.
- **\$50,819,280** in Education Cost Sharing for Bristol next year.
- **\$7,000,000** for Bristol Hospital.
- **\$6,850,000** for the city's Route 72 Corridor Improvement Plan, focused on pedestrian safety enhancements, traffic calming and streetscape improvements.



A HELPING HAND TO COLLEGE STUDENTS

- Established lower state-backed loan refinancing rates for licensed nurses with student loans
- Prohibited colleges and universities from withholding transcripts due to outstanding debt
- Created student loan subsidies for paraeducators and school counselors in our lowest-performing districts, for police officers in distressed municipalities and for emergency medical service personnel
- Expanded debt-free community college – including subsidies for returning students

