



The 2024 legislative session is in the books and I am proud of what we accomplished.

We focused on big issues in 2024: elder care, protecting health care workers, childcare, early childhood nutrition, paid time off, and we had to protect the largest and second largest tax cuts in state history. I remain filled with deep gratitude and pride to be your state representative.

Sincerely,

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2024 SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Providing Quality Care for Seniors
- Maintaining Historic Tax Cuts
- Making Childcare More Affordable and Accessible
- Maintaining CT's Future Fiscal Integrity

TAKING CARE OF OUR MOST VULNERABLE

- Established new Bureau of Services for Persons who are Deaf, Deafblind, and Hard of Hearing
- Cutting red tape and ensuring the timely repair of wheelchairs under Medicaid
- Excluded medical debt from counting against your credit score
- Made it easier to qualify for and receive payouts from the state's emergency mortgage assistance program
- Protected domestic violence victims from being forced into debt by their abuser

OUR BIPARTISAN BUDGET INCLUDES

PROTECTING TAX CUTS

WE PASSED A BIPARTISAN BIENNIUM BUDGET THAT INCLUDES HISTORIC TAX CUTS AND INVESTMENTS FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

- **LARGEST INCOME TAX CUT** in state history
- **Biggest investment** in public education ever
- **New supports** for the IDD community
- **Expansion** of debt free community college
- **Protected safety net programs**

THIS SESSION WE PROTECTED THESE TAX CUTS AND INVESTED MILLIONS OF FEDERAL FUNDS IN:

- **Higher Education** - \$160 million with a path to grow to \$200 million
- **Early Childcare** - \$21.8 million
- **Mental Health** - \$24 million
- **Nonprofits** - \$50 million



MAKING CT SENIORS A PRIORITY

- Expedited Medicaid coverage for home-based care as an alternative to more costly nursing home care
- Required home care workers to wear photo-ID badges
- Created a new registry system to connect patients to home care providers and created a dashboard to help navigate nursing home options
- Created an incentive-based program to improve nursing home care in CT
- Strengthened oversight of negligent nursing homes
- Required health insurance coverage for detecting coronary artery disease



GROWING OUR ECONOMY

- Expanded the small business loan program in lower-income communities and enabled more out-of-state businesses to expand into CT
- Made it easier for out-of-state nurses and social workers to move to and practice in CT
- Cut certification red tape to make licensing faster and enable teachers to teach more subjects across more grades
- Supported middle-class and working families by granting most full and part-time workers access to paid sick days over a three-year period:
 - » Use for yourself or to care for a loved one
 - » Up to 40 hours per year
 - » Roll-over time to the following year