

Dear Neighbor,

It remains a privilege and honor to serve as your state representative. Now that the 2026 legislative session has ended, I wanted to take some time to highlight what we've accomplished so far.

We worked hard to deliver a budget that is responsible and forward-thinking while still providing millions in additional funding to our towns, local schools, farms, and services for our most vulnerable residents. We did it by working together.

If you have any questions about the content in this newsletter or would like more information about my work on solar and farmland, services for veterans, healthcare accessibility, DCF oversight, and local funding, please don't hesitate to reach out to my office!

Sincerely,

Jaime Foster



BIG WINS FOR DISTRICT 57

- ✓ Over \$6.5 million in funding for our district
- ✓ \$3.9 million in additional direct support for schools
- ✓ \$2.6 million to mitigate local tax increases



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CAPITOL UPDATE 2026

PROTECTING CHILDREN & SENIORS

Child Welfare:

- Prioritized placing children with family members and responsible adults who are already in their lives
- Strengthened follow-up when foster children move out of state
- Directed DCF to listen to other children in the house during an open investigation
- Increased childcare stipends
- Expanded funding for DCF workforce training and parent services
- Supported social workers with better training and mentorship

Senior Welfare:

- Required assisted living facilities to give 60 days' notice before any fee increase and hold an informational hearing for family and residents to weigh in if the increase is over 10%
- Required home health aide agencies to provide personal protective equipment to their workers at no cost
- Cracked down on private equity ownership of nursing homes

AFFORDABILITY & FAIRNESS IN HEALTHCARE

- Required health insurers to outline changes to their prescription drug coverage during open enrollment periods
- Advanced plans for captive insurance to assist nonprofits struggling to find liability coverage
- Ensured our state can review and negotiate lower prescription drug prices
- Better coordinated state efforts to protect our Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities population
- Made it easier for dentist offices to administer X-rays
- Developed a toolkit to assist health care providers with diagnosing and treating the symptoms of menopause, perimenopause and post-menopause
- Required the disclosure of private equity owners in our hospital systems and banned sale-leaseback deals.
- Clarified your ownership of DNA samples that you send to genetic testing companies



SUPPORTING THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY

First Responders and Veterans:

- Provided State health insurance to the families of volunteer firefighters and state marshals who lose their lives in the line of duty
- Created a new mortgage assistance program for first responders
- Created a dental care program for thousands of eligible veterans in our state to cover up to \$3,000 in costs annually
- Strengthened efforts to connect veterans with jobs through the Troops to Trades program, which includes workplace postings on veterans' benefits and services

Nurses and Teachers:

- Financially protected health care employees and public-school teachers if they get assaulted on the job
- Protected lost wages and benefits through workers' compensation up to 100% from 75%
- Provided visiting nurses with essential information for treating patients with a history of violence
- Helped paraeducators who are laid off over the summer to collect unemployment



CT HOUSE DEMOCRATS FINALIZE RESPONSIBLE BIPARTISAN BUDGET

STATE-LED EFFORT TO SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN AND SCHOOLS:

- \$12 million to expand free school breakfasts across the state
- Deposited \$320 million into the Early Childhood Endowment
- Made basic school supplies tax-free

MONEY DIRECTLY BENEFITING ELLINGTON, EAST WINDSOR AND VERNON:

- More than \$100,000 in additional funding to the North Central Health District
- Over \$1 million to support the Micro-Transit Pilot Program, which provides alternatives for those without immediate access to public transportation lines
- \$5 million in additional state funding for Farmland Preservation
- \$1 million compensation fund for victims of funeral home fraud

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, LAND USE, & WATER QUALITY

- Passed a one-year moratorium on activity in East Windsor, halting an expansion of grid-scale solar on prime farmland and abutting residential neighborhoods
- Increased data sharing of well water testing results with local health districts and allowed notification of contaminated wells to neighboring properties
- Developed a rapid-response program for addressing hydrilla and other invasive species plaguing our waterways

