

Dear Neighbor:

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, climate change, paid time off, targeting street takeovers and keeping our residents safe.

I remain filled with deep gratitude and pride to be your state representative.

All my best,

Jane Garibay

Assembly District 60
Proudly Serving Windsor and Windsor Locks

WORKING TOGETHER, MEETING THE NEEDS OF CONSTITUENTS

- **Listen** – I love chatting and listening to the people in my communities!
- **Learn** – It is by listening that I learn about what is important to you!
- **Act** – Being available to listen to the opinions and concerns of the people of Windsor and Windsor Locks is so important because I can act as a resource, assisting with your issues or guiding you to the right resources within our state agencies.



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STATE REPRESENTATIVE JANE GARIBAY'S CAPITOL UPDATE 2024

2024 SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Using every penny from the Feds, we added much needed investments in key areas by utilizing federal dollars that may have otherwise disappeared:

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

We are enacting policies that will create savings by:

- Paying down debt in the Special Transportation Fund -saving \$22.1 million next year and then \$65 million annually thereafter.
- Piloting a presumptive eligibility program that will allow people to access home-based care in lieu of going into a nursing home, potentially saving \$10-20 million annually



MAKING CT SENIORS A PRIORITY



As co-chair of the Aging Committee, I continued to fight for bills that prioritize transparency, accountability and support for Connecticut seniors. On June 4, 2024, the governor signed into law HB 5001 and HB 5046, legislation that transforms the way our seniors age.

We expedited Medicaid coverage for home-based care, phased out nursing home rooms with 3-4 people, now require 90-day notice of fee increases at Managed Residential Communities and 60-day notice of fee increases from assisted living services agencies, created a public dashboard of nursing homes so that the public can adequately research which nursing homes to use, now allow patients at closing nursing homes to bypass waitlists to enter a new nursing home, strengthened oversight of negligent nursing homes and improved standards for home and community-based services. Thirty-six bills were incorporated into these two pieces of legislation to protect seniors and give them choices of how they want to spend their twilight years.

There is more to be done next year and I look forward to hearing from you! Your voice counts!



HOLDING UTILITY COMPANIES ACCOUNTABLE

- Required the Siting Council to hear from municipalities before granting a certificate for a transmission line project
- Gave municipalities the ability to share, with the council, location preferences for a transmission line project
- Required the state's environmental justice laws to be taken into consideration for certain projects

PRIORITIZING CT'S HEALTH AND WELLNESS

- Allowed telehealth to continue for in-state and out-of-state residents without letting the practice sunset
- Ensured doctors' offices that are group practices have more accessible equipment to assist those with physical disabilities
- Made it easier for people on co-pay only health plans to access body scans and physical and occupational therapy

SUPPORTING AND HONORING VETERANS

- Exempted permanently and totally disabled veterans from paying property taxes
- Expanded eligibility for grants from the Military Relief Fund for families experiencing hardship
- Formally recognized Vietnam veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange

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

PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

- Banned numerous products containing dangerous PFAS chemicals
- Required better notice when herbicides are sprayed along railroads
- Increased hydropower going to our power grid and extended offshore wind procurement