

MAKING OUR GOVERNMENT
WORK FOR YOU BY:

- Gaining Big Wins for Windsor & Windsor Locks
- Creating a Balanced Budget with a Large Surplus
- Providing Additional Support for Our Seniors
- Honoring our Veterans
- Caring for Our Environment
- Expanding Access to Childcare



Dear Neighbor,

The 2025 legislative session was one of big ideas, bipartisan work, compromise, and solutions.

Connecticut is so different from Washington. Instead of drawing lines in the sand, we collaborate and have conversations with our legislative colleagues – and that can be seen in the work we do.

We focused on important issues in 2025: Electric bills, a state budget, special education, early childhood, and climate change all received our laser focus.

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

All my best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jane Garibay".

Representative Jane Garibay



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A YEAR IN REVIEW

FROM STATE REPRESENTATIVE JANE GARIBAY

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CAPITOL UPDATE 2025



BIG WINS FOR WINDSOR & WINDSOR LOCKS

- \$17M for our schools and students
- \$217K in new funds to support special education
- \$15K for the Windsor Community center
- \$1.2M for the Windsor River Street School
- \$2.6M for the Windsor Locks Fire Academy
- \$32.6M for the Windsor Agricultural Experiment Station

SUPPORT FOR OUR SENIORS

- Ensured insurance coverage of biomarker testing to detect cancer early and improve treatment.
- Closed a loophole so that all employees at long-term care facilities undergo a background check.
- Provided free online college courses to our nursing home residents.
- Required greater consideration of how close your family lives when care homes try to transfer patients.
- Created anti-discrimination protections for residents of long-term care facilities and now requires their staff to receive anti-discrimination training. Our state Department of Public Health and Long-Term Care Ombudsman can now investigate complaints and take disciplinary action.

We took steps toward meaningfully lowering the cost of prescription drugs:

- Stopped middlemen from passing along cost increases for their personal profit.
- Guaranteed rebates from drug manufacturers are passed along to consumers.
- Took initial regulatory steps to import cheaper drugs from Canada.



MAJOR INITIATIVES AFFECTING WINDSOR & WINDSOR LOCKS

A BALANCED BUDGET AND OUR SECOND LARGEST SURPLUS IN STATE HISTORY

- Provided Medicaid increases for providers and increased funding for Federally Qualified Health Centers for the first time in years.
- Increased rates will reach 17 providers located in 250 facilities in communities around our state who serve over 440,000 of our residents. This investment represents their first meaningful rate increase outside of binding arbitration in years. (\$5M/\$12M)
- Increased funding for group and nursing homes – helping to settle a labor strike. (\$150M)
- Provided cost-of-living increases to community nonprofit providers.

HONORING OUR VETERANS

- Excluded veterans’ pension benefits from income eligibility determinations under HUSKY A & D, Medicaid, Medicare Savings Program, and CEAP. Additionally, we exempted service-connected disability compensation from income calculations for public defender eligibility - expanding access to legal defense for veterans with mental health conditions.
- Improved access to capital and job creation among our veterans by prioritizing disabled veteran entrepreneurs in the Small Business Express loan program.
- Extended tuition waivers to exempt some hidden fees at public colleges and universities for veterans and National Guard members.

CARING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

- Regulated the use of rodenticides.
- Supported our local farmers:
- Created a 20% refundable business tax credit on investments in farm equipment and infrastructure.
- More than doubled the local property tax exemption on farm machinery.
- Created new grant opportunities and shared best practices on manure management.
- Banned fertilizers that contain PFAS.
- Expanded our ban on sales of invasive plant species.

CHILDCARE EXPANSION

- Established the Early Childhood Education Endowment - an investable trust fund that will create universal access to childcare - starting with a down payment of nearly \$300 million.
- By 2027, families earning up to \$100,000 will be able to receive childcare at no cost, while families earning more than \$100,000 will pay no more than 7% of their income for childcare.
- Provided new tools for our local schools, including funding a matching grant to help school districts provide students with tutoring, making it easier for childcare providers to partner with local farmers for on-site healthy meal options, and making indoor air quality improvements a permanent part of our state financing for local school construction.