

MAKING OUR GOVERNMENT WORK FOR YOU BY:

- Gaining Big Wins for Windsor & Windsor Locks
- Passing a Bipartisan Budget
- Supporting Our Seniors
- Serving those who Served
- Protecting Our Environment
- Prioritizing Affordability



Dear Neighbor,

During the 2026 legislative session, we concentrated on protecting CT residents from a chaotic national economy, as well as important issues like elections, standing up for working families, funding our schools, and maintaining a balanced budget.

We invested in things that matter to our residents: police, fire, EMS, veterans, teachers, and health care workers. Voters asked for greater access to absentee ballots, and we ensured their voices were heard. Our towns are facing budget challenges, so we provided more state funding to encourage towns to lower mill rates where possible.

We achieved much in the 2026 legislative session, but there are more challenges ahead. Please reach out to me with any of your questions or concerns. It is an honor and a privilege to serve as your state representative. I look forward to seeing you around the district.

All my best,

Representative Jane Garibay



NEW LAWS IN CT: A YEAR IN REVIEW

FROM STATE REPRESENTATIVE JANE GARIBAY

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CAPITOL UPDATE 2026

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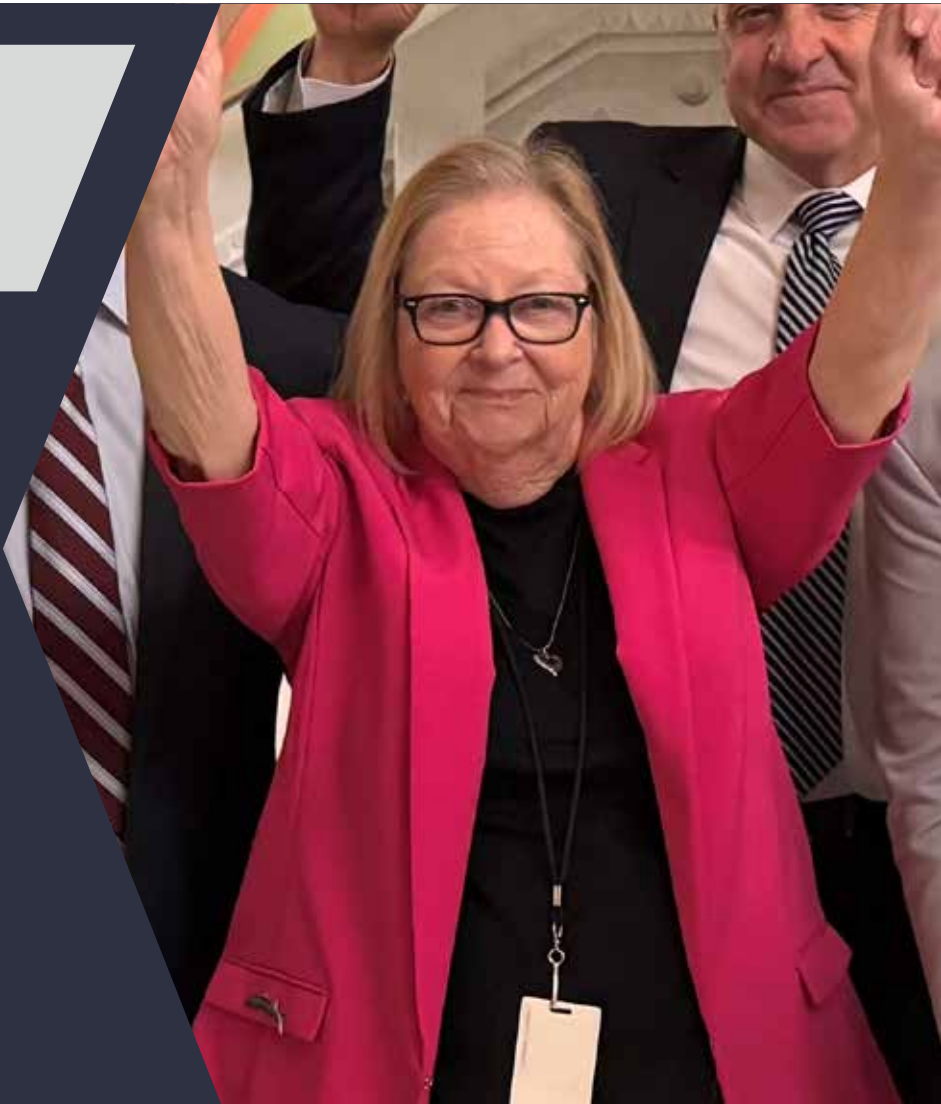
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PROUDLY SERVING WINDSOR & WINDSOR LOCKS



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STATE REPRESENTATIVE JANE GARIBAY

CAPITOL UPDATE 2026



SUPPORT FOR WINDSOR & WINDSOR LOCKS

AN ADDITIONAL \$1.6 MILLION IN AID TO OUR DISTRICT:

Windsor

- \$501K in additional local education funding
- \$654.7K in Total Municipal Aid

Windsor Locks

- \$217.4K in additional local education funding
- \$961K in Total Municipal Aid

SUPPORT FOR OUR SENIORS

Everyone deserves quality care, especially when you rely on it for your daily living. This session we passed legislation that:

- Required staff at assisted living agencies to receive annual training on residents’ fear of retaliation, so seniors can freely speak up about their care
- Ensured residential care home residents can set up cameras in their rooms to stay connected with family and monitor their care
- Required assisted living facilities to give 60 days’ notice before any fee increase. If the increase is more than 10%, the facility must hold an informational hearing where residents and families can weigh in
- Required homemaker companions (the workers who help seniors with cooking, dressing, and companionship in their homes) to get 8 hours of annual training. The training includes how to best help seniors who have dementia, how to report abuse and neglect, and home safety

Private equity firms and other investment entities have been buying nursing homes around the country, often with cost-cutting changes that hurt residents and leave families in the lurch when a facility suddenly closes. This year we approved new reforms to promote accountability and transparency that:

- Placed operational control with the licensed operator, not the investors, by requiring license holders to maintain full authority over clinical, financial, and personnel decisions
- Promoted smaller styles of nursing homes for more person-centered care, stronger community ties, and a higher quality of life for residents
- Offered a new tax credit for family care expenditures



MAJOR INITIATIVES AFFECTING WINDSOR & WINDSOR LOCKS

SERVING THOSE WHO SERVED

- Expanded property tax relief programs for disabled veterans and their families
- Secured more funding for towns to clean up and maintain veterans’ cemeteries
- Created a dental care program for thousands of eligible veterans in our state to cover up to \$3,000 in costs annually
- Waived fees on veterans’ drivers’ licenses and ID cards and extended deadlines for car registrations when they relocate to Connecticut
- Cracked down on scammers who go after veterans pretending to be licensed claim agents or attorneys
- Recognized out-of-state credentials for driving fire trucks, which will help our veterans who already have the relevant experience to be firefighters

PASSING A BIPARTISAN BUDGET

- Continued our commitment to responsible budgeting by putting \$1 billion toward paying down long-term debt
- Deposited another \$50 million into our emergency federal response fund
- Maintained our Budget Reserve Fund (“rainy day fund”)
- Expanded sales tax-free week to include clothing, shoes, and backpacks under \$300
- Created a family caregiver tax credit for residents caring for a loved one

PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

- Protected our striped bass from overfishing
- Created a way for citizens to address dams that keep fish from spawning
- Developed a rapid-response program for addressing hydrilla and other invasive species plaguing our waterways, through faster permitting and expedited protocols
- Set up financial assistance to help modernize our dairy farms
- Expanded a farm investment tax credit program, and made it easier for our farms and forests to be preserved for future generations

PRIORITIZING AFFORDABILITY

- Capped the taxable value of 20-year-old cars (and older) at \$500 or 10% of MSRP
- Curbed the use of predatory financial products being used to pay for pet care
- Required used car warranties to last longer and cover more repairs
- Cracked down on digital ticket scalping and increased transparency of all-in costs after taxes and fees
- Required honest and transparent advertising of car prices
- Safeguarded financial information to protect against fraud
- Created state fines for landlords who don’t return security deposits
- Cut planning costs for smaller projects at state facilities
- Cut red tape for our non-profits doing business with the state