

CONTINUED FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE BUDGETING

- Historic funding for local schools: Prevented any town from receiving a funding cut to their local schools (\$6.5 million) and continued our commitment to funding local boards of education with an honest education cost sharing (ECS) formula (\$45 million)
- Supporting workers and small businesses: Protected workers whose health benefits are terminated by an employer following a strike or labor dispute; cut business taxes to promote expansion of childcare facilities
- Improving healthcare: Expanded pharmacy services to include vaccine administration of CDC immunizations, testing for COVID, flu, and HIV, and providing prescriptions for preventative HIV treatment
- Protecting reproductive health: Protected pharmacists and health care providers who are licensed in other states from discipline when they provide reproductive health services in our state



Dear Neighbor,

It is a privilege and honor to serve as your state representative. The 2023 legislative session is now in the rearview mirror, and I wanted to take a moment to check in and share some highlights from the past several months.

I'm proud to have worked on a budget that delivers historic tax cuts and increased funding for students, families, and our most vulnerable residents, while paying down our long-term debt, including an additional \$2.072 billion in unfunded future pension liability.

Most importantly, we did it by working together – without gimmicks or partisan politics. We prioritized education, supported non-profits, and invested in public safety without the fighting you see in Washington.

I'd love to hear from you if you would like more details or have any questions on any of the initiatives addressed in this legislative update.

Sincerely,



NEW LAWS IN CT: A YEAR IN REVIEW

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CAPITOL UPDATE 2023



DELIVERING FOR EAST HARTFORD

Breakdown of State Funding:

Funds	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25
Education/Schools	\$54.9 million	\$56.8 million	\$58.9 million	\$61.1 million	\$66.2 million
Other Municipal Aid	\$9.7 million	\$13.6 million	\$18.5 million	\$16.6 million	\$16.5 million
Total East Hartford Funding	\$64.6 million	\$70.4 million	\$77.4 million	\$77.7 million	\$82.7 million

Separate from our schools and education system, the state provides funds to East Hartford to supplement our municipal infrastructure.

BIG WINS FOR EAST HARTFORD

- Largest and second largest tax cuts in CT history
- Cut more taxes on retirement income
- Historic funding for schools
- Massive deposit into Rainy Day Fund
- CT a beacon for reproductive healthcare
- Modern voting system with early voting
- Invest in growing healthcare workforce

OUR BIPARTISAN BUDGET INCLUDES **LARGEST TAX CUT IN STATE HISTORY**

- ✓ \$600 million middle class tax cut
- ✓ Increase **Earned Income Tax Credit** for lower income workers
- ✓ Expand cuts to retirement savings to **benefit seniors**

INVESTS:

- ✓ More funding for K-12 education
- ✓ More funding for higher education
- ✓ More funding for nonprofits
- ✓ More funding for childcare
- ✓ **MORE FUNDING FOR EAST HARTFORD, INCLUDING \$20 MILLION FOR DEVELOPMENT**



MAJOR INITIATIVES AFFECTING EAST HARTFORD

STANDING UP FOR CONNECTICUT CONSUMERS

- Required companies that charge you through an auto-renewal subscription to get your permission before charging you for the next billing cycle
- Prohibited utility companies from passing off their lobbying and marketing expenses through rate hikes
- Responded to inflation by freezing scheduled increases on the diesel tax - helping lower the cost of groceries and other commodities

ELIMINATED EVEN MORE TAXES ON RETIREMENT

- Current law exempts 100% of pension and annuity income from the state's income tax, and we are halfway to phasing out 100% of IRA income for those making \$75,000 or less annually (\$100,000 for joint filers).
- We extended these state income tax exemptions to taxpayers making up to \$100,000 (\$150,000 for joint filers) by phasing-out the deduction between 2.5% and 100% depending on your income.

BUILDING A SKILLED WORKFORCE

- Expanded school-based apprenticeship opportunities in aviation and aerospace, expanded training for future paraeducators, and dual credit/enrollment opportunities
- Created tax credits and incentives for towns and businesses that build workforce housing, including for teachers, police officers, and firefighters

MAKING CONNECTICUT SAFER

- Formed a special police task force to deal with abuse of children online
- New CT gun control reforms: Expanded our assault weapons ban
- Responding to wrong way driving: Installing at least 120 wrong way driving systems on our highway exit ramps