

Dear Neighbor,

The 2024 legislative session is in the books, and I am proud of what we accomplished.

My goal for the session was to ensure we invested in our priorities while preserving tax cuts for families and seniors.

By passing our fiscal stabilization plan we protected the largest and second largest tax cuts in state history and ensured more retirement income would be tax-exempt. We also filled our priority buckets by increasing funding for higher education, early childhood, mental health, and nonprofits.

I am happy to report that Connecticut is in the best financial shape in years. There is \$181.5 million surplus for the current fiscal year and the Budget Reserve Fund has an historic \$4.6 billion. The fiscal year 2025 is projected to have a \$247 million surplus.

In addition, 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 we had to protect the largest and second largest tax cut in state history.

This newsletter has more details.

Best regards,



The Sirius Courage Award presented to Henry for his visionary action honoring the state of Connecticut's professional working canines by creating and spearheading the passage of K9 Veterans Day law in 2017, and annually recognizing the selfless canine teams that serve and sacrifice daily on behalf of Connecticut's leadership, citizens and visitors. The Sirius Courage Award is named after K9 Sirius, killed in the World Trade Center terror attacks.



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CAPITOL UPDATE 2024

DELIVERING FOR EAST HARTFORD



| Funds | FY21 | FY22 | FY23 | FY24 | FY25 |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Education Cost Sharing | \$54.3 Million | \$56.5 Million | \$58.6 Million | \$60.8 Million | \$66.3 Million |
| Other Municipal Aid | \$6.3 Million | \$8 Million | \$8 Million | \$8 Million | \$8 Million |

PLUS AN ADDITIONAL 20 MILLION DOLLARS TO THE TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD FOR REDEVELOPMENT

2024 SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Providing Quality Care for Seniors
- Maintaining Historic Tax Cuts
- Making Childcare More Affordable and Accessible
- Maintaining CT's Future Fiscal Integrity

STATE BUDGET

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THIS SESSION WE PROTECTED THESE TAX CUTS AND INVESTED MILLIONS OF FEDERAL FUNDS IN:

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

SUPPORTING AND HONORING VETERANS

- Exempted permanently and totally disabled veterans from paying property taxes
- Made it easier for veterans to earn a Q license endorsement to join fire departments
- Expanded eligibility for grants from the Military Relief Fund for families experiencing hardship
- Expanded veterans' driver's license and license plate options to reservists

