

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, paid time off - and we had to protect the largest and second largest tax cuts in state history.

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

All my best,

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2024 SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

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

BLOOMFIELD AND WEST HARTFORD

CAPITOL 2024 UPDATE



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OUR BIPARTISAN BUDGET INCLUDES

PROTECTING TAX CUTS

WE PASSED A BIPARTISAN BIENNIUM BUDGET THAT INCLUDES HISTORIC TAX CUTS AND INVESTMENTS FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

- LARGEST INCOME TAX CUT in state history
- Biggest investment in public education ever
- New supports for the IDD community
- Expansion of debt free community college
- Protected safety net programs

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

IMPROVING EDUCATION TEACHER CERTIFICATION CHANGES

- Simplified the qualification process for initial educator certification, making it more accessible.
- Extended the validity of initial educator certification to 10 years, providing stability for educators.
- Expanded eligibility for the alternate route to certification program, opening doors for more aspiring teachers.

PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT PFAS REGULATION

- Successfully mandated disclosure of PFAS in certain products, protecting consumers' health.
- Took significant steps to ban PFAS-containing products by 2028, safeguarding the environment and public health.

PROTECTING OUR RESIDENTS AUTOMATED ENFORCEMENT OF NOISE VIOLATIONS

- Authorized automated enforcement of motor vehicle laws, enhancing road safety.
- Established vehicle noise limits and fines for violations, promoting quieter and more peaceful neighborhoods.









MAKING CT SENIORS A PRIORITY AGING IN PLACE

- Established a home care provider registry for seniors on Medicaid, facilitating access to quality care.
- Implemented a presumptive Medicaid eligibility system for certain applicants, streamlining access to essential home care services.

SUPPORTING VETERANS PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

- Secured property tax exemption for permanently and totally disabled veterans, honoring their service and sacrifice.
- Allowed exemption transfer to surviving spouses or minor children of deceased veterans, supporting their families in difficult times.

MORE FUNDING FOR BLOOMFIELD AND WEST HARTFORD

- Secured over \$94 million in state aid for Bloomfield and West Hartford for Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025.
- Authored the Community Investment Fund, securing \$4 Million for the Bloomfield Rockwell Park Improvements.
- Allocated \$1 million for West Hartford's Vision Zero Plan which prioritizes human safety, system-level changes, and speed reduction to eliminate fatal and severe injury crashes.
- Authored and expanded the Aging in Place Safely Grant which will continue to assist seniors who live in Bloomfield and West Hartford with home repairs up to \$5,000.