



Dear Neighbor,

The 2025 legislative session featured big issues like lowering energy bills, childcare, special education and the state budget – and we tackled them all.

Our budget provides a \$250 check to working families under EITC guidelines and \$300 million to fund the childcare trust fund. We devoted hundreds of millions of dollars to special education and we approved comprehensive energy legislation to reduce electric bills for businesses and families.

“Connecticut will be poised to continue saving hundreds of millions of dollars annually to continue paying down its hefty pension debt at an accelerated pace.”

-CT Mirror

And we did it responsibly. This newsletter has more details about the 2025 legislative session.

Enjoy,

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CARING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

- We set new state climate goals for greenhouse gas reduction.
- We supported clean energy jobs through tax incentives.
- We encouraged nature-based solutions for reaching greenhouse gas reduction goals.
- We banned fertilizers that contain PFAS.
- We created a grant program to fund agricultural land preservation.
- We created a 20% refundable business tax credit on investments in farm equipment and infrastructure.

HONORING OUR VETERANS

- We improved access to capital and job creation among our veterans by prioritizing disabled veteran entrepreneurs in the Small Business Express loan program.
- We extended tuition waivers to exempt some hidden fees at public colleges and universities for veterans and National Guard members.
- We increased staffing in the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Advocacy and Assistance, addressing backlogs and improving assistance with benefits claims.
- We provided no-cost driver's license renewals for veterans, and required the DMV to issue vouchers for veterans whose licenses are close to their expiration date.

MORE FUNDING FOR BLOOMFIELD AND WEST HARTFORD

- \$50.9 million in state aid
- \$5 million to extend the Aging in Place Safely Grant which will continue to assist seniors with home repairs up to \$5,000
- \$1 million to extend CT Grown for CT Kids which will connect local farms with schools to provide students with fresh, healthy, and locally sourced food
- \$1 million for Auerfarm to pave Auer Farm Road
- \$275,000 to support nonprofits
- \$427,274 for Special Education



SUPPORTING OUR SENIORS

- We ensured insurance coverage of biomarker testing to detect cancer early and improve treatment.
- We closed a loophole so that all employees at long-term care facilities undergo a background check.
- We provided free online college courses to our nursing home residents.
- We required greater consideration of how close your family lives when care homes try to transfer patients.

