

I am proud of what was accomplished in the 2024 legislative session.

The legislature invested in our priorities while preserving tax cuts for families and seniors.

We protected the largest and second largest tax cuts in state history and ensured more retirement income would be tax-exempt.

We also increased funding for higher education, early childhood, mental health, and nonprofits.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



SUPPORTING AND HONORING VETERANS

Exempted permanently and totally disabled veterans from paying property taxes.

STATE BUDGET

Last year, we passed a bipartisan biennium budget that included historic tax cuts and investments for our community:

- Largest Income Tax Cut in state history
- Biggest investment in public education ever
- Expansion of debt-free community college
- Exempted even more retirement income from state taxes
- Record Rainy Day Fund
- Paid down generations of pension debt

PROTECTING DEMOCRACY

- Banned foreign nationals from making campaign contributions in CT or spending money on behalf of candidates
- Required video monitoring of ballot drop boxes
- Made it a crime to harass election workers



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CAPITOL UPDATE 2024

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CAPITOL UPDATE 2024

MITIGATING POTENTIAL ISSUES NEXT YEAR

- Paying down debt in the Special Transportation Fund – saving \$22.1 million next year and then \$65 million annually thereafter.
- Aligning our prior authorization period for Medicaid prescriptions with other states (saving \$50 million annually)
- Piloting a presumptive eligibility program that will allow people to access home-based care in lieu of going into a nursing home (potentially saving \$10-20 million annually)



2024 SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

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



MAKING CT SENIORS A PRIORITY

- Expedited Medicaid coverage for home-based care as an alternative to more costly nursing home care
- Prevented nursing homes from putting more than two patients in a single room
- Required nursing homes and retirement communities to provide at least 60-90 days' notice of any fee increases and improved transparency around fees

PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

- Banned numerous products containing dangerous PFAS chemicals
- Expedited permitting for solar canopies and lifted caps on new solar production



STRATFORD DAY AT THE CAPITOL

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



REMOVING DERELICT LOBSTER POTS FROM LONG ISLAND SOUND



SCHOOL VISIT



DISCUSSING ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY WITH LEADERSHIP