



Dear Neighbor,

The 2025 legislative session was a session of bipartisan work, compromise, and solutions. We collaborate at the State Capitol and that can be seen in the work we accomplish.

We focused on important issues in 2025: A balanced state budget, record investment in special education, more than \$200 million for a new universal pre-K, and climate change all received our focus.

Our budget provides a \$250 check for working families under EITC guidelines, \$300 million to fund the childcare trust fund, and 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***

I remain filled with gratitude and pride to serve as your state representative.

All my best,

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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# BIG WINS FOR STRATFORD

- \$100k for Housatonic River Cleanup
- \$250 Tax Credit for Working Families
- Made Childcare More Affordable and Accessible

## OUR STATE BUDGET IS THE SINGLE-GREATEST INVESTMENT IN CHILDREN IN CONNECTICUT'S HISTORY:

- Established an investable trust to provide sustainable funding for new childcare programs.
- Provided \$30 million in new funding for special education.
- Improved access to quality health care and community nonprofit providers.
- Provided Medicaid increases for providers and increased funding for Federally-Qualified Health Centers for the first time in years.

# A BALANCED BUDGET AND OUR SECOND-LARGEST SURPLUS IN STATE HISTORY

## THANKS TO SOUND BUDGETING AND THE LEADERSHIP OF DEMOCRATS IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE WE:

- Made historic investments in Special Education of \$30 million with \$358,600 allocated to the town of Stratford.
- Will continue our strategy of aggressively paying down Connecticut's substantial pension debt, potentially saving hundreds of millions of dollars annually for future generations of Connecticut taxpayers

## WE DELIVERED TARGETED, MEANINGFUL RELIEF AND LONG-TERM SUPPORT FOR WORKING FAMILIES THROUGH FAIRER TAX POLICIES:

- Established an Enhanced Tax Credit for Families
- Supported Childcare Providers
- Helped Families Save For College
- Invested in Our Workforce and Residents



## CUTTING YOUR ELECTRIC BILL:

- Moved programmatic charges out of your bill and created better oversight.
- Capped infrastructure programs that utility companies make us pay for, while they profit off the interest.
- Used state financing to pay down COVID-era back payments and storm-related costs, which would otherwise be passed onto ratepayers.



## MAKING OUR ROADS SAFER

- Required that people convicted of reckless driving attend a driver retraining program.
- We expanded our Fallen Officer Fund to cover the families of firefighters, EMT personnel, and paramedics who are killed in the line of duty so that they can receive cash benefits and health insurance coverage.

## CARING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT IS CARING FOR OURSELVES

- I championed an extended producer responsibility program around the collection and recycling of batteries. This will reduce soil and water contamination, minimize landfill waste, and prevent batteries from exploding in waste management facilities.
- We regulated the use of rodenticides.
- We banned fertilizers that contain PFAS.
- We created a grant program to fund agricultural land preservation