

Dear Neighbor,

The 2026 legislative session focused on protecting Connecticut from instability, from both federal and international levels, as well as on important issues like elections, standing up for working families, funding our schools, and the state budget.

We made historic investments in police, fire, EMS, veterans, teachers and health care workers. Voters wanted better access to absentee ballots, so the legislature ensured their voices were heard. We know property taxes are challenging, so we made sure Stratford received more state funding.

Our three-month legislative session was short, but we accomplished key priorities. This newsletter has more details about the legislation we passed and key policy initiatives from the 2026 session.

Sincerely,

Joseph P. Gresko

Secured \$2 million for Alliance Daycare Facility upgrade on HNJ campus



2025 Legislator of the Year from the UPFFA

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FROM STATE REPRESENTATIVE
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A STATE BUDGET THAT INVESTS IN YOUR PRIORITIES

- Secured \$4 million for continued Greater Bridgeport Transit Service
- Paid down an additional \$1.1 billion in pension liability making \$11 billion total over 8 years
- Another \$300 million for the Early Childhood Endowment Fund



FUNDING FOR STRATFORD



This year we secured:

\$1,232,669
for Education

\$385,772
for Town Aid

\$1,618,441
Total New Funding

2026 HIGHLIGHTS

- Established universal free school breakfast program
- Reached a historic agreement with our hospitals, providing them with much needed tax relief and maximizing federal funding
- Expanded sales tax-free week to include clothing, shoes and backpacks under \$300 (from \$100)
- Created a family caregiver tax credit for residents caring for a loved one
- Invested in Connecticut small businesses by offering health care support and providing a tax credit when they contribute toward employees' individual health insurance coverage
- Reformed our Department of Children and Families by prioritizing placing children with family members and responsible adults who are already in their lives
- Allow plug-in solar, which makes solar more accessible to homeowners and renters who might not otherwise be eligible
- Modernizing our absentee ballot laws and vote counting procedures allowing for "no excuse" AB access
- \$100K for Bruce Brook clean up

