



Dear Neighbor,

It is a privilege and honor to serve as your state representative. The 2023 legislative session is now in the rearview mirror, and I wanted to take a moment to check in and share some highlights.

I'm proud to have worked on a budget that continues to pay down our long-term debt, including an additional \$2.072 billion in unfunded future pension liability. This progress is critical to ensuring we meet our promises to state employee pensioners and improve the fiscal sustainability of our state government. This budget also helps low and middle-income families through targeted tax relief while maintaining support for many critical programs.

Continued improvement is still needed to bolster our non-profit sector and ensure that our public colleges and universities will continue to be affordable, quality institutions. I pledge to continue to support these areas of investment.

I'd love to hear from you if you would like more details or have any questions on any of the initiatives addressed in this legislative update.

Sincerely,

Gregory Haddad



NEW LAWS FOR 2023-24

FROM STATE REPRESENTATIVE GREGORY HADDAD

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NEW LAWS IN CONNECTICUT 2023 2024



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A BIPARTISAN, BALANCED BUDGET

- ✔ **\$600 million middle-income tax relief**
- ✔ **Increased Earned Income Tax Credit for lower income workers**
- ✔ **Expanded cuts to retirement savings to benefit seniors**

INVESTS:

- ✔ **More funding for K-12 education**
- ✔ **More funding for childcare**
- ✔ **MORE FUNDING FOR MANSFIELD – \$938,448 increase from FY23, totaling \$24,950,819 in FY24**

SUPPORTING SENIORS

- Expanded eligibility for seniors to participate in adult day services (serving those with early onset dementia)
- Expanded Medicaid coverage for services including primary healthcare, physical therapy, and meals (PA 23-30)
- Increased funding for elderly nutrition and Meals on Wheels (PA 23-204)

PROTECTING REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

- Directed all state college and university campuses to provide reproductive health resources to students (PA 23-41) and to use vending machine to dispense reproductive healthcare products
- Prohibited insurers from discriminating between patients based on gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, or age regarding coverage for infertility treatment (PA 23-127)

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PROMOTING DEMOCRACY

- Enacted early voting – providing voting opportunities 14 days before general elections, 7 days before most primaries, and 4 days before special elections and the presidential primary (PA 23-5)
- Approved the resolution to allow voters to support the use of absentee ballots for any reason (HJ 1)

HELPING STUDENTS WITH COLLEGE COSTS

- Expanded our free community college program beyond first time students to include returning students (PA 23-204)
- Created a Student Loan Ombudsman to help students, graduates, and their families deal with student loans (PA 23-204)



The State Champion E.O. Smith Girls Basketball Team
Receiving a Legislative Citation

PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT AND ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE

- Responded to the municipal solid waste crisis with new funding for facilities and mandatory food scrap diversion at colleges, hospitals, and nursing homes (PA 23-107)
- Provided additional funding to towns to deal with harmful chemicals like PFAS (PA 23-74)
- Expanded eligibility for Microgrid and Resilience Loans - allowing the state to build more green buildings (PA 23-157)

STANDING UP FOR CT CONSUMERS

- Restricted more types of telemarketing calls, texts, and social media solicitations and limited the hours for telemarketing (PA 23-98)
- Demanded TV and cable companies give you a prorated refund if you cancel before the end of your billing cycle (PA 23-98)
- Prohibited utility companies from passing off their lobbying and marketing expenses through rate hikes (PA 23-102)

PROTECTING RENTERS (PA 23-207)

- Increased municipal fines to \$2,000 for rental property violations (unsanitary or unsafe living conditions)
- Required landlords to offer walk-throughs prior to signing a lease
- Capped rental application fees at \$50
- Erased judicial records for renters who win eviction cases
- Required a more timely return of security deposits
- Capped late charges for past due rent

MAKING CT SAFER

- Made it illegal for adults to solicit photos and videos from kids online for sexual gratification (PA 23-123)
- Formed a special police task force to deal with abuse of kids online (PA 23-204)

IMPROVING CT'S GUN LAWS (PA 23-53)

- Restricted Open Carry
- Banned Ghost Guns and closed existing loopholes
- Limited monthly handgun purchases to 3 per 30-day period
- Required safe storage and trigger locks
- Expanded our assault weapon ban
- Updated training requirements
- Strengthen penalties for failure to report lost or stolen guns