

Dear Neighbors,

This past legislative session, the Connecticut General Assembly delivered real results for working families, students, seniors, and our most vulnerable neighbors. We rejected austerity and corporate giveaways in favor of bold investments in equity, sustainability, and opportunity.

Whether it was investing in affordable housing, protecting reproductive freedom, funding public education, or standing up for workers' rights, we led with values – and action. I'm proud of what we've accomplished together, and I'm excited to share highlights of our work with you below.

Let's continue building a Connecticut where everyone can thrive.

In partnership,

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Representative Haddad with Senator Flexer and other colleagues at Regional Childcare Forum

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**Representative Haddad and Senator Flexer
celebrating National Milk Day
at Mountain Dairy**

BUILDING A JUST ECONOMY FROM THE GROUND UP

Tax Fairness, Childcare Support, and Local Business Investment

This session, the legislature delivered real relief to working families and local businesses. We made an historic investment in a trust to provide sustainable funding for childcare supports. We also created a \$250 refundable tax credit for Earned Income Tax Credit filers and a \$500 refundable credit for family childcare providers – essential support for those who keep our economy running.

At the same time, we made corporate taxes fairer by closing loopholes that let big multi-state corporations avoid paying their share, expanded R&D credits for small biotech firms, protecting innovation and equity and reformed state contracting to boost small and minority-owned businesses.

**Read more about the legislation
we passed this session here:**



RELIEVING THE SQUEEZE ON WORKING FAMILIES

Affordable Homes, Lower Utility Bills, and Prescription Drug Reform

The legislature tackled the rising cost of living. We boosted homeownership through expanded funding for Time to Own, offering forgivable down payment assistance to first-time buyers.

We also required transparent, all-in pricing and clear opt-outs for automatic renewals – helping consumers avoid hidden fees and surprise charges. To cut energy bills, we passed sweeping utility reforms that move costly surcharges off your bill, cap infrastructure markups, eliminate unnecessary subsidies, and use state financing to relieve consumers of \$780 million in costs.

DEFENDING OUR RIGHTS AND OUR PLANET

Reproductive Freedom, Civil Liberties, and Climate Action

In the face of national rollbacks, Connecticut chose to lead with progressive values and solutions. We protected minors' rights to access reproductive health care confidentially and created a Safe Harbor Account to fund out-of-state patients' care.

We strengthened Connecticut's Trust Act and empowered schools to safeguard students' right. On climate, we committed to net-zero emissions by 2050 and zero-carbon state agencies by 2030, while giving towns tools to fight flooding and build resiliency. We are protecting people and the planet – and we're just getting started.

SUPPORTING STUDENTS WITH PROGRESSIVE REFORMS

Debt-Free College and Inclusive Public Schools

Every student deserves access to learning: without barriers, fear, or discrimination. The new Finish Line Scholars program expands debt-free college to certain bachelor's degree seekers – because a brighter future shouldn't come with a mountain of debt.

In K-12, we increased transparency and oversight in special education and created competitive grants to expand local special ed programs. Libraries are now protected from censorship with required policies that uphold equity and inclusion.

Unfortunately, despite well-informed, passionate advocacy, public higher education institutions are underfunded in our new two-year budget, a situation I remain committed to remedying.



**Representative Haddad encouraging students,
faculty and staff at higher education rally**