



STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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Dear Neighbor,

Challenged by a very close partisan divide in the Senate and the House and by a governor who showed little willingness to compromise, the task of passing a state budget took extra time this year.

I voted for the budget compromise in October because while I advocated for other alternatives, throughout the process those could not muster the coalition of support necessary to pass and inaction would have resulted in deep and unacceptable cuts to local governments and non-profit providers of state services.

The nature of political compromise is that provisions are included from all interested parties. Unfortunately the governor used his Executive Authority to make additional cuts to municipal aid. I've included a summary of the Good and the Bad and the Ugly, as I see it.

With a two-year budget in place, I plan to work next session to mitigate the negative impacts that I believe can be avoided and to continue to act on legislation that will help the low and middle-income families make ends meet and find jobs in our changing economy.

Sincerely,

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## BUDGET UPDATE

The compromise budget now in place for our state included provisions that I liked and supported and others that I would have opposed if offered as separate legislation.

### The Good

- Avoids draconian education cuts proposed by the Republicans and the governor's executive order.
- Reinstates funding for our state and local independent colleges.
- Invests in our tech schools and workforce development programs.
- Protects many of the social service and youth services programs our residents rely on, including Care4Kids and DDS funding.
- Rejects Gov. Malloy's plan to burden local town and education budgets with unfunded teacher pension obligations.
- Provides for a sustainable revenue source to ensure the long-term solvency of the Special Transportation Fund.

### The Bad and The Ugly

- Weakens good government oversight over election violations and increases the influence of large donors.
- Raids dedicated funds that support clean energy alternatives and other pro-environment goals.
- Ends Medicare Savings Program coverage for at least 68,000 low-income and disabled Medicare recipients.
- Funds current obligations, but doesn't meet CT's growing overdue pension payments from past decades in future years.
- Provides too few resources to keep the proceedings of state government continuously accessible on cable TV and the web.