

Dear Neighbor,

The 2025 legislative session featured big issues like lowering energy bills, childcare, special education, and the state budget – and we tackled them all.

Our budget provides a \$250 check to working families under EITC guidelines and \$300 million to fund the childcare trust fund. We devoted hundreds of millions of dollars to special education and we 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

We did it responsibly. This newsletter has more details about the 2025 legislative session.

Enjoy,



CUTTING YOUR ELECTRIC BILL - NOT YOUR POWER:

- Moved programmatic charges out of your bill and created better oversight of new charges.
- Capped infrastructure programs that utility companies make us pay for while they profit from the interest.
- Removed industry subsidies from our clean energy investments.
- Used state financing to pay down COVID-era back payments and storm-related costs, which would otherwise be passed on to ratepayers.
- Our comprehensive reforms deliver \$780 million in savings over the next few years, meaning:
 - Lower bills.
 - A smarter grid.
 - A stronger future for Connecticut.



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CAPITOL UPDATE 2025

BIG WINS FOR HARTFORD

- Cut Your Electric Bill
- Provided Millions for Special Education
- \$250 Tax Credit for Working Families
- Made Childcare More Affordable and Accessible



HELPING OUR WORKING
AND MIDDLE CLASS

- Created good-paying construction jobs for residents by partnering with local unions.
- Offered rental vouchers to families whose kids attend schools outside their local school district through the Open Choice Program.
- Helped first-time homebuyers save money through new tax-free savings accounts.
- Banned landlords from using your private data to set higher rent prices.
- Ensured access to fair rent commissions to curb egregious rent hikes.
- Made it easier for contractors to bring on an apprentice.

SERVING ALL OF OUR
RESIDENTS

Strengthening our safety net
and your access to care:

- Established inflationary increases for our nonprofit providers.
- Expanded Medicaid coverage for sickle cell treatment.
- Promoted access to new birthing centers and encouraged more paternal involvement in the health of mothers and children.

Supporting our seniors:

- Ensured insurance coverage of biomarker testing to detect cancer early and improve treatment.
- Provided free online college courses to our nursing home residents.

MAKING OUR
COMMUNITIES STRONGER

Helping our towns:

- Made it easier for towns to enforce housing code violations.
- Required all studies submitted for a development, disclose who paid for them and any conflicts of interest.

Improving homeowner rights:

- Increased the reimbursement homebuyers get when their contractor goes bankrupt and cannot repay them.
- Prevented condo associations from prohibiting homeowners from installing solar panels on their detached homes.

Protecting the consumer:

- Cracked down on predatory towing through greater transparency before, during, and after a car is towed, and made it easier to retrieve your car at a lower cost.

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:

- Delivered the Single Greatest Investment in Children in Connecticut’s History
- Made Historic Investments in Special Education - *including \$6,779,926 for Hartford*

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
- Expanded Capital for Special Education Infrastructure
- Invested in Our Workforce and Residents



TAKING PUBLIC SAFETY SERIOUSLY

Supporting victims:

- Prohibited abusers from accessing the location of shelters and temporary housing under the state’s FOIA information laws.
- Helped victims of domestic violence protect their GPS data from their abuser.

Making our communities safer while supporting our first responders:

- Expanded our “Fallen Officer Fund” to cover the families of firefighters, EMT personnel, and paramedics who are killed in the line of duty.
- Strengthened our TRUST Act by preventing juvenile probation officers, prosecutors, and other state public safety officials from working with ICE.

Cracking down on street takeovers:

- Increased penalties for street racing and takeovers, including two-year license suspensions and a minimum fine of \$2,000 for racing, evading police, or causing property damage.
- Empowered towns to regulate and penalize street takeovers, including the ability to seize and destroy confiscated vehicles.