

PROTECTING DEMOCRACY

- Supported legislation that banned foreign nationals from making campaign contributions in CT or spending money on behalf of candidates
- Required video monitoring of ballot drop boxes
- Made it a crime to harass election workers



Dear Neighbor,

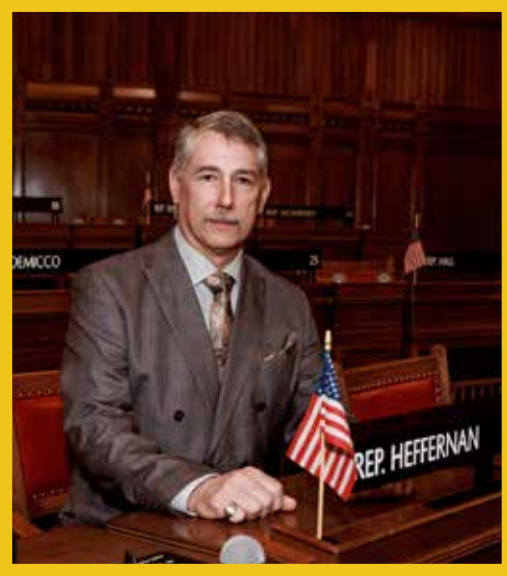
The 2024 legislative session is in the books, and I am proud of what we accomplished. We focused on big issues in 2024: elder care, protecting health care workers, childcare, early childhood nutrition, climate change, paid time off, and we had to protect the largest and second largest tax cuts in state history.

I remain filled with deep gratitude and pride to be your state representative.

All my best,

NEW LAWS IN CT: A YEAR IN REVIEW

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CAPITOL UPDATE 2024



BIG WINS FOR WEST HAVEN

- Secured \$147,000 in funding for the West Haven Community House handicapped lift to improve accessibility to main building
- Secured \$50,000 for improvements to the West Haven Veterans Museum and The Savin Rock Museum
- \$1 million for The West Haven Senior Center
- Secured \$56 million for West Haven schools

OUR BIPARTISAN BUDGET INCLUDES PROTECTING TAX CUTS

WE PASSED A BIPARTISAN BIENNIUM BUDGET THAT INCLUDES HISTORIC TAX CUTS AND INVESTMENTS FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

- LARGEST INCOME TAX CUT in state history
- Biggest investment in public education ever
- New supports for the IDD community
- Expansion of debt free community college
- Protected safety net programs

THIS SESSION WE PROTECTED THESE TAX CUTS AND INVESTED MILLIONS OF FEDERAL FUNDS IN:

- Higher Education - \$160 million with a path to grow to \$200 million
- Early Childcare - \$21.8 million
- Mental Health - \$24 million
- Nonprofits - \$50 million



MAJOR INITIATIVES AFFECTING WEST HAVEN

MAKING CT SENIORS A PRIORITY

- Established oversight to prevent negligence and abuse and incentives to encourage nursing homes to improve care
- Required health insurance coverage for detecting coronary artery disease
- Expedited Medicaid coverage for home-based care as an alternative to more costly nursing home care

SUPPORTING AND HONORING VETERANS

- Exempted permanently and totally disabled veterans from paying property taxes
- Expanded eligibility for grants from the Military Relief Fund for families experiencing hardship
- Formally recognized Vietnam veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange

KEEPING OUR COMMUNITIES SAFE

- Protected the personal information of special victims like minors and victims of abuse from public disclosures
- Established a Fallen Officer Fund to provide families of police officers who died in the line of duty with cash assistance and health care coverage
- Protected domestic violence victims from being forced into debt by their abuser

SUPPORTING LOCAL SCHOOLS AND IMPROVING HIGHER EDUCATION

- Capped the amount of money all districts pay to send kids out of district – saving millions of dollars for local schools
- Provided help to classroom paraeducators to pay for their health insurance
- Expanded employer-based student loan repayment tax credits and reduced rates for state-backed loans for in-demand occupations