



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

We worked hard to deliver a budget that adheres to our fiscal guardrails while still providing hundreds of millions in more funding to our local schools, colleges and universities, and services for our most vulnerable residents. As part of our historic tax cuts, families of four who make under \$50,000 annually **will pay no state income taxes**. This is another important step in making CT affordable for everyone.

We did it by working together – without the fighting you see in Washington.

In the coming legislative session, I hope to create a carbon-free school construction fund and update the Global Warming Solutions Act to further our emissions-reduction mission. The governor and I share disappointment over the lack of legislative action against the increasing threat posed by the climate crisis. I have called for a climate summit, and to convene a special session to enact policy that maintains Connecticut's position as a leader on sustainable, resilient climate preparedness.

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

Sincerely,

BIG WINS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

- Largest and second-largest tax cuts in CT history
- Cut more taxes on retirement income
- Historic funding for schools
- Massive deposit into Rainy Day Fund
- Sensible/sustainable budget
- Modern voting system with early voting
- Invest in growing health care workforce



NEW LAWS FOR 2023-24

FROM STATE REPRESENTATIVE ANNE HUGHES

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OUR BIPARTISAN BUDGET INCLUDES THE

LARGEST TAX CUT IN STATE HISTORY

- ✓ \$600 million middle class tax cut
- ✓ 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 higher education
- ✓ More funding for nonprofits
- ✓ More funding for childcare
- ✓ **MORE FUNDING FOR OUR COMMUNITY**

PROVIDING FOR THE SENIORS

- Increased the availability of adult day services.
- Mandated a study to ensure that our community members have access to the resources they deserve.
- Increased Medicaid coverage for those age 65 and older, blind, or living with disabilities to ensure reliable access to quality care.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BILLS WE PASSED

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PROTECTING OUR ELECTIONS

- Established early voting timelines to ensure all who wish to participate in our elections can do so.
- Outlined plans for the development, staffing, and operation of early voting locations.
- Approved a resolution that will ask voters in the November 2024 election whether Connecticut should have no-excuse absentee ballots.



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

- Strengthened the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority's regulatory power, ensuring that Connecticut's ratepayers are charged in a reasonable and fair manner.
- Passed bipartisan legislation protecting shorebirds, migratory birds, and horseshoe crabs with overwhelming support.
- As a member of the Commission on Environmental Standards for Offshore Wind Procurement, I assisted in drafting noise mitigation and labor recommendations for our procurement of offshore wind.
- Allocated \$125 million to fund retrofitting projects in environmental justice communities.

PUBLIC SAFETY INITIATIVES

- Strengthened public safety initiatives surrounding bearing firearms, ghost guns, and firearm purchases.
- Expanded regulations, including requiring trigger locks and the safe storage of retail firearms.
- Specified that firearm safety training must be completed within two years before applying for credentials.
- Set stricter release conditions for serious firearm offenders.