

SESSION WRAP-UP

Dear Neighbor,

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.

It remains a privilege and honor to serve as your state representative. 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 FAIRFIELD & TRUMBULL

- ✓ \$2.5 million approved for Fairfield Rooster River flood mitigation
- ✓ \$373,000 for Trumbull's transportation infrastructure
- ✓ Saved Trumbull and Fairfield from education funding cuts
- ✓ \$350,000 for the Fairfield Senior Center
- ✓ \$6.1 million in HVAC investments and air quality improvements for Fairfield Public Schools

NEW LAWS FOR 2023-24

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SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

- Increased funding for elderly nutrition and Meals on Wheels
- Eliminated even more taxes on retirement income
- Reformed retirement plans for municipal employees - saving towns hundreds of thousands of dollars annually
- Provided \$60 million in new funding for town governments
- Prevented any town from receiving a funding cut to their local schools
- Continued our commitment to funding local boards of education with an honest Education Cost Sharing formula
- Provided an increase of more than \$500 million in operating support to UConn and CSCU to keep our flagship universities competitive and avoid tuition increases
- Required high schoolers to take a financial literacy class before graduating
- Banned child marriages

SUPPORTING BUSINESSES

- Required full disclosure of hidden fees on small business loans
- Invested \$700,000 in funding over the biennium for CT Main Street Center
- Cut business taxes to promote the expansion of childcare facilities
- Expanded JobsCT to increase employment and job creation in our state



OUR BIPARTISAN BUDGET INCLUDED HISTORIC TAX CUTS!

A STATE BUDGET FOCUSED ON:



CUTTING YOUR TAXES

Our budget included the **largest Personal Income Tax cut in CT history** by cutting marginal income tax rates, increasing the Earned Income Tax Credit, capping mill rates, and eliminating even more retirement income taxes.



INDUSTRY GROWTH

Our budget **supported CT's growing industries** such as childcare, manufacturing, and media, film and theater production.



INVESTING IN OUR STUDENTS

Our budget **invested over \$240M in public education** by stabilizing our state colleges and universities, expanding debt-free community college, fully funding our schools and local boards of education, and increasing scholarships and student debt relief.



SAFETY NET SERVICES

Our budget expanded Temporary Family Assistance, increases Husky C eligibility, provides funds to community action agencies for residents facing immediate economic hardship, supports the 9-8-8 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, and increases Medicaid rate reimbursements for providers and specialists.



IDD SUPPORTS

Our budget **invested over \$30M to better serve Intellectually or Developmentally Disabled individuals** by addressing agency waiting lists for services, bolstering employment opportunities, increasing Husky C eligibility, and breaking down silos for better coordination and data collection.

PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

- Allowed permits for factories, waste plants, and other polluters to be denied or have conditions on them when they are proposed in locations that have historically dealt with high levels of pollution
- Protected migratory birds by requiring state-owned and leased buildings to turn off unnecessary outdoor lighting



INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY

- Largest tax cut in state history
- Massive deposit into Rainy Day Fund
- CT became a beacon for reproductive healthcare
- Modern voting system with early voting
- Investment in growing our healthcare workforce

