

MAKING OUR GOVERNMENT WORK FOR YOU BY:

- Investing in Children
- Providing Relief from High Utility Bills
- Creating Stronger Families
- Creating Safer Communities
- Supporting Businesses



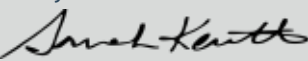
Dear Neighbor,

The 2025 legislative session was one of big ideas, bipartisan work, compromise, and solutions. Unlike Washington, instead of drawing lines in the sand, we here in Connecticut collaborate and have conversations with our legislative colleagues – and that can be seen in the work we do. We focused on important issues that matter to YOU: Electric bills, special education, early childhood, and climate change all received our steadfast focus and commitment.

The Trump Administration cut funding to disabled veterans, stripped healthcare from children, and rolled back access to programs for our families. To make matters worse, we are forced to deal with significantly downgraded revenue forecasts driven by growing instability and shaky consumer confidence, thanks to the federal government.

Throughout this uncertain time, you have my commitment to continue to reach across the aisle as we negotiate the looming cuts in federal funding to ensure that you and your loved ones continue to receive the services you need.

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

All my best,

Representative Sarah Keitt



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CAPITOL UPDATE 2025



BIG WINS FOR TRUMBULL & FAIRFIELD

- \$127,500 over the next two-years for the Fairfield Fire Training School
- \$52K for the Fairfield Cultural Alliance
- \$50K for the Fairfield River Lab
- \$2.5M for the Adaptive Recreation Center in Fairfield
- An increase of more than \$300K in municipal aid to Trumbull

MAKING OUR CHILDREN’S EDUCATION A PRIORITY

A BALANCED BUDGET AND OUR SECOND-LARGEST SURPLUS IN STATE HISTORY HAVE ENABLED US TO MAKE THE SINGLE-GREATEST INVESTMENT IN CHILDREN IN CONNECTICUT’S HISTORY, INCLUDING:

- \$30 million annually from the new Special Education Expansion and Development grants to local school districts.
- \$10 million in competitive grants for more in-district programming.
- \$221 million in annual reimbursement for special education costs.
- New reforms and investments to help schools get a handle on rising and unpredictable costs by preventing third parties from increasing their rates during the school year, establishing new rates for how much third-party providers of special education can charge, and prioritizing direct instruction over paperwork.



MAJOR INITIATIVES IMPACTING TRUMBULL & FAIRFIELD

PROVIDING RELIEF FROM SKYROCKETING ELECTRIC BILLS

We have all been hit hard by skyrocketing electric bills. This past session, we worked across the aisle to make reforms that will result in savings for you. Our comprehensive reforms are projected to deliver \$780 million in savings over the next few years, meaning lower bills, a smarter grid, and a stronger future for Connecticut. Some of the changes include:

- Capping infrastructure programs that utility companies make us pay for while they profit off the interest.
- Removing industry subsidies from our clean energy investment.
- Using state financing to pay down COVID-era back payments and storm-related costs, which would otherwise be passed onto ratepayers.

MAKING OUR COMMUNITIES SAFER FOR EVERYONE

Everyone has the right to live and work in a safe environment. This past session, we passed meaningful legislation to make Connecticut safer for all of us by:

- Enacting stronger regulations and penalties to prevent the sale of vapes, THC, and THC-derived products to minors including increasing fines for anyone who gives or sells a vape to kids, and imposing harsher penalties for stores that sell cannabis to a minor.
- Expanding our “Fallen Officer Fund” to cover the families of firefighters, EMT personnel, and paramedics who are killed in the line of duty.

SUPPORTING FAMILIES

Families are the heart of our communities. We delivered targeted, meaningful relief and long-term support for working families through fairer tax policies. Some of our accomplishments include:

- Creating a refundable tax credit of \$250 per filer through the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) framework – helping working families keep more of what they earn.
- Establishing a \$500 refundable tax credit for home daycare owners – recognizing and sustaining the vital care workforce that allows families to work.
- Helping Families Save For College through a tax credit for employers who contribute to their employees’ CHET accounts – making it easier for families to plan for the cost of higher education.

SUPPORTING BUSINESSES

Strong businesses and a strong workforce are the foundation of our state’s economy. This past session, we’ve invested in both by:

- Expanding our landmark Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program to cover more school employees, such as secretaries, nurses, custodians, security officers, and paraeducators.
- Increasing the number of hours and wage inspectors at the Department of Labor to combat wage theft more effectively.
- Preventing a massive increase in workers’ comp costs for every employer in the state.
- Expanding research and development tax credits to more manufacturers.