

Dear Neighbor,

The 2026 legislative session focused on protecting Connecticut from the wildly chaotic Trump Administration, as well as other big issues like elections, standing up for working families, funding our schools, and the state budget.

We made historic investments in police, fire, EMS, veterans, teachers, and health care workers. Voters demanded better access to absentee ballots, and we ensured their voices were heard. We know that property taxes are too high, so we made sure every city and town received more state funding.

It was a three-month legislative session, and we had much to accomplish. This newsletter has more details about the legislation we passed and key policy initiatives from the 2026 session.

Enjoy,



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FROM STATE REPRESENTATIVE
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STRENGTHENING OUR SCHOOLS AND SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS

- \$12 million to establish universal free school breakfast programs across the state
- \$7.7 million increase in supplemental education funding to New Haven Public Schools
- \$1.9 million in grants for successful special education programs in New Haven



FUNDING FOR NEW HAVEN

Representing New Haven is a privilege and when I work with my colleagues on the state budget it is always top of mind.

This year we secured a record-breaking:

\$8.1 MILLION
increase for Education

\$18.9 MILLION
increase for Town Aid

\$347 MILLION
in total state funds

INVESTING IN INFRASTRUCTURE ACROSS THE DISTRICT

- \$250k for Leeway, Inc. to advance planning for integrated care and housing for individuals with disabilities
- \$250k for Mill River Park planning to expand green space and waterfront access
- \$500k for Albertus Magnus College to modernize the Recreation and Swimming Center
- \$1.3 million for LEAP to renovate the Roslyn M. Meyer Community Center
- \$2 million for Friends Center for Children to grow early childhood education and child care capacity

PROTECTING OUR DEMOCRACY

- Allowed residents to sue ICE agents when their constitutional rights are violated
- Created a statewide ban on federal agents wearing masks
- Banned federal troops from coming to Connecticut against our wishes
- Stopped local police from hiring ICE agents who lost their jobs because of misconduct
- Protected traffic camera data from being used for immigration enforcement
- Kept ICE and people with weapons away from our polls

