

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

It is an honor to serve Manchester as your state representative. The 2024 legislative session has concluded, and I am proud of the meaningful legislation passed on elder care, health care, child care, and education that will positively impact Manchester individuals and families.

A property tax exemption to help disabled veterans also became law, and the large state-level tax cuts for Connecticut's middle class, which we passed in 2023, were protected in 2024.

I also continued to champion initiatives to deal with the housing affordability crisis. This includes legislation that incentivizes the development of more affordable and workforce housing, requires a 45-day notice of rent increases to protect tenants from bad actors, streamlines the process for converting vacant nursing homes into housing, prioritizes surplus state-owned land to be used for affordable housing, and increases funding for homelessness while making existing funding for housing assistance easier to use. I am especially grateful that Manchester got an additional ARPA allocation of \$900,000 on top of the largest-ever state funding for education and town aid. Additionally, many Manchester homes with crumbling concrete foundations were repaired with state funds.

What does all this extra state funding for Manchester mean for you? It means the income tax cuts delivered in 2023 - and protected in 2024 - won't come at the expense of local programs and services or trigger painful property tax increases. The relief is real. If I can be of assistance to you, please reach out to me via email at [Geoff.Luxenberg@cga.ct.gov](mailto:Geoff.Luxenberg@cga.ct.gov) or call my office to make an appointment for a meeting at 860-240-0449. Let's continue to work together and build on the momentum that has delivered such impactful progress for Manchester.

All my best,



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## QUALITY CARE FOR SENIORS

- Makes it easier for seniors to age in place and increases community-based services
- Creates a nursing home database to connect seniors with quality care
- Establishes oversight to prevent negligence and abuse and incentives to encourage nursing homes to improve care
- Enacts requirements for nursing home facilities to be more transparent
- Caps nursing homes to 2 beds in a room

## DELIVERING RESULTS ON BIG ISSUES

The House took up major policy initiatives like elder care, child care and early child education, in addition to protecting health care workers and delivering relief for disabled veterans:

- Fiscal Stabilization and Allocating Federal Dollars – PA 24-18
- Protecting Health Care Workers and Better-Quality Health Care for Everyone – PA 24-19
- Life Saving Elder Care Reform – PA 24-39
- Results Based Child Care and Early Childhood Education – PA 24-91
- Property Tax Exemption and Relief for Disabled Veterans – PA 24-46

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**
- **Expands debt-free community college**
- **Protects safety net programs**

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

- **Higher Education - \$160 million with a path to grow to \$200 million (including funding for Manchester CT State, formerly Manchester Community College)**
- **Early Childcare - \$21.8 million**
- **Mental Health - \$24 million**
- **Nonprofits - \$50 million**



## PROTECTING TENANTS AND ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS (PA 24-143 AND PA 24-81)

- Incentivizes towns to develop more affordable and workforce housing
- Requires 45-day notice of rent increases to protect tenants from bad actors
- Streamlines the process for converting vacant nursing homes into housing
- Prioritizes surplus state-owned land for affordable housing
- \$4.5 million for homeless services and homelessness



## MILLIONS FOR MANCHESTER

- \$3.5 million from Community Investment Fund 2030 for new downtown Manchester library
- \$900,000 in ARPA funding for the Town of Manchester for motor vehicle tax mitigation
- \$400,000 for Charter Oak Park
- \$250,000 for Cheney Hall
- Iling Middle School was awarded \$2,225,808 from the HVAC Indoor Air Quality Grants Program to replace its rooftop units
- \$25,000 in grant funding available for the Manchester Arts Commission through CT Humanities