

Dear Neighbor,

The 2025 legislative session featured big issues like lowering energy bills, childcare, special education and the state budget – and we tackled them all.

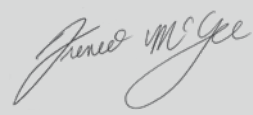
Our budget provides a \$250 check to working families under EITC guidelines and \$300 million to fund the childcare trust fund. We devoted hundreds of millions of dollars to special education and we approved comprehensive energy legislation to reduce electric bills for businesses and families.

“Connecticut will be poised to continue saving hundreds of millions of dollars annually to continue paying down its hefty pension debt at an accelerated pace.”

-CT Mirror

And we did it responsibly. This newsletter has more details about the 2025 legislative session.

Enjoy,



AN EQUITABLE APPROACH TO STATE TAXES

- Created a refundable tax credit of \$250 per filer through the Earned Income Tax Credit framework - helping working families keep more of what they earn.
- Created a \$500 refundable tax credit for home daycare owners - recognizing and sustaining the vital care workforce that allows families to work.
- Closed a major loophole for big multi-state corporations by ending a tax break that kept them from paying their share of taxes, which gave them a competitive advantage over our local businesses.



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PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN

- Increased fines for anyone who gives a vape to kids and strengthened penalties for stores that sell cannabis to a minor.
- Made it easier for kids who age out of foster care to access services, including special education programs.
- Stopped the practice of handcuffing kids under 14.
- Made it easier for schools to buy new response systems to instantly contact first responders and save lives.



BIG WINS FOR WEST HAVEN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026:

- Allocated \$73,547,445 in Town Aid
- Provided \$731,545 for Special Education
- Established a \$250 Tax Credit for Working Families
- Made Childcare More Affordable and Accessible



WORKING FOR CONNECTICUT'S WORKERS

- Expanded the program formerly known as MyCTSavings by including Personal Care Attendants, allowing workers in a notoriously low-paying industry to have access to a state-administered retirement plan utilizing Roth IRA's.
- Expanded coverage under the Firefighters Cancer Relief Program to include skin cancer.
- Expanded our landmark Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program to cover non-certified school employees, such as secretaries, nurses, custodians, security officers, and paraeducators.



A BALANCED BUDGET AND OUR SECOND-LARGEST SURPLUS IN STATE HISTORY

THANKS TO SOUND BUDGETING AND THE LEADERSHIP OF DEMOCRATS IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE WE:

- Delivered Single Greatest Investment in Children in Connecticut's History
- Made Historic Investments in Special Education (\$731,545 for West Haven)

WE DELIVERED TARGETED, MEANINGFUL RELIEF AND LONG-TERM SUPPORT FOR WORKING FAMILIES THROUGH FAIRER TAX POLICIES:

- Established an Enhanced Tax Credit for Families
- Supported Childcare Providers
- Helped Families Save For College
- Expanded Capital for Special Education Infrastructure
- Invested in Our Workforce and Residents

SUPPORTING OUR KIDS AND STUDENTS

- By 2027, families earning up to \$100,000 will be able to receive childcare at no cost, while families earning more than \$100,000 will pay no more than 7% of their income for childcare.
- We rejected attempts to cut education funding - ensuring no school district receives less than the year before from the state.
- We made funding for indoor air quality improvements a permanent part of our state financing for local school construction.
- We made it easier for college graduates to qualify for state loan forgiveness programs.

