

Dear Neighbor,

The 2026 legislative session focused on protecting Connecticut from the daily economic whiplash of the Trump Administration, as well as other big issues like election integrity, 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 delivered additional state funding to every town, aiming to lower mill rates as much as possible.

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

Enjoy,

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DELIVERED MILLIONS IN RELIEF TO CONNECTICUT CITIES, TOWNS, AND SCHOOLS

- \$190 million in investment into public education for the 2026-2027 school year
- \$1.1 billion payment toward our pension liabilities
- \$300 million deposited in the early childhood endowment



FUNDING FOR OUR DISTRICT

It is a privilege to serve our communities. Delivering state dollars to East Lyme, Salem, and Montville is my main priority as your State Representative

This year we secured:

\$3,438,654

in additional funding for East Lyme, Montville, and Salem Schools

\$8 MILLION+

in Funding for: Camp Oakdale, Camp Nett, Safe Futures, the Giving Garden, and more!

PROTECTING YOUR LIBERTIES

- Prevented traffic camera data from being used by immigration enforcement
- Ensured residents can sue ICE agents when their constitutional rights are violated
- Instituted a statewide ban on federal agents wearing masks
- Required state consent when federal troops may be sent to Connecticut

YOUR DATA = YOUR RIGHTS

- Expanded consumer rights to delete your data
- Prohibited the sale of your precise geolocation data
- Established regulations and financial penalties for companies that buy and sell your personal data
- Safeguarded workers by requiring companies to disclose whether they are monitored by electronic surveillance

