

# COMMERCE COMMITTEE

The Commerce Committee passed bipartisan reforms to boost Connecticut’s economy—easing apprenticeship hiring rules, cutting red tape for small businesses, and launching a \$1M makerspace pilot program to support entrepreneurs.



Dear Neighbor,

2025 was a legislative session devoted to our future - our children.

We delivered historic support for families and education with over \$200 million toward universal pre-K, major new investments in special education, increased aid for local schools and a \$250 tax rebate for parents.

*“Key spending initiatives include more than \$200 million for a new universal pre-K program, a new tax break for low-income families, and tens of millions of additional dollars to aid local school districts and special education programs.”*

-Ch 8 News

Inside this newsletter, you’ll find more on how we’re building a brighter future for every Connecticut family.

Enjoy,



# NEW LAWS IN CT: A YEAR IN REVIEW

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# CAPITOL UPDATE 2025

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# STATE REPRESENTATIVE STEVE MESKERS

## CAPITOL UPDATE 2025



### BIG WINS FOR GREENWICH

- Cut Your Electric Bill
- Provided Millions for Special Education
- \$250 Tax Credit for Working Families
- Made Childcare More Affordable and Accessible

### 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 the Single Greatest Investment in Children in Connecticut’s History
- Made Historic Investments in Special Education: \$300 Million

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



## MAJOR INITIATIVES AFFECTING GREENWICH

### BUDGET & ECONOMY

#### FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AMID CHAOTIC TIMES

While Washington slashes aid to disabled vets, children’s healthcare, and family programs, we’re left managing the fallout – including steep revenue drops driven by federal dysfunction and economic uncertainty.

### COMMUNITY

#### HELPING OUR TOWNS

We passed legislation to require developers to complete projects in a timely manner rather than leaving them unfinished for years, and we are making sure they disclose who funded any submitted studies along with any conflicts of interest.

### STUDENTS

#### HELPING GRADS STAY IN CONNECTICUT

After Stone Academy’s sudden 2023 closure stranded nearly 1,000 nursing students, we stepped in. This year, we expanded tuition refunds and opened access to loan forgiveness for students stuck with non-transferable credits.

### PUBLIC SAFETY

#### CRACKED DOWN ON STREET TAKEOVERS

Street takeovers put lives at risk. We took action—tougher penalties, two-year license suspensions, and a \$2,000 minimum fine for racing, evading police, or causing damage. Towns can now seize—and even destroy—vehicles used in these reckless stunts.