



Dear Neighbor,

The 2026 legislative session was about smart, disciplined governing - protecting Connecticut families from economic uncertainty while building on 8 years of bipartisan fiscal progress.

Working across the aisle, we secured a record \$4.3 billion rainy day fund, paid down pension debt, and delivered real relief to families and schools.

This newsletter has details about legislation we passed. I hope you find it informative.

All my best,

Stephen R Mesker.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE STEPHEN MESKERS

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PROTECTING OUR FISCAL GUARDRAILS

- 8 straight bipartisan balanced budgets
- 8 Wall Street Credit upgrades (2 per 4 ratings agencies)
- \$1.1 billion pension debt prepaid in 2026
- Record \$4.3 billion rainy day fund - shielding Greenwich from federal chaos

INVESTING IN CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

- \$190 million+ in new education investment for 2026-27
- \$600 million Early Childhood Trust Fund established
- Free school breakfast, and school supplies are now tax-free
- Family caregiver tax credit
- Qualifying IRA income is now 100% exempt from Connecticut state income tax

LOCAL RESOURCES

Greenwich emergency medical services:
203-637-7505

Greenwich Human services department:
203-622-3800

YWCA Domestic Abuse Services Hotline
For Victims: **203-622-0003**

Police and Fire: 911

Kids in Crisis Mental health, shelter
hotline 24/7 **203-661-1911**

STATE RESOURCES

Office of the Healthcare Advocate: for insurance
claims problems, **1-866-466-4446**

Long-Term Care Ombudsman: **1-866-388-1888**
or **860-424-5200**.

Adult Crisis Services: **1-800-467-3135 (1-800-
HOPE-135)**.

Services: 24/7 support line managed by the
**Department of Mental Health and Addiction
Services (DMHAS)** for adults experiencing intense
emotional or psychiatric distress

Substance Use Access Line: **1-800-563-4086**.
Services: 24/7 assistance to find immediate
substance use treatment programs,

The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline (formerly known
as the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline)



STANDING UP FOR GREENWICH

- Increased reimbursement for local projects
- Senior services protected
- Reproductive freedoms safeguarded
- Banned convertible pistols - helping to keep our community safe

