



Dear Neighbor,

I am honored to continue to serve as your state representative. This term I was appointed a Deputy Majority Leader, Vice Chair of the Government Administration and Elections Committee, and a member of the Transportation Committee and Public Health Committee.

The 2025 legislative session was a session of big ideas, bipartisan work, compromise, and solutions to mitigate what is happening at the Federal level. We listened to constituents and focused on important issues including safety, affordability, special education, early childhood, and climate change. And we did it responsibly, with a balanced state budget, while remaining dedicated to paying down the state’s pension debt.

Please reach out to me if you would like more information or have questions on any of the initiatives addressed in this legislative update.

Sincerely,

Amy

A WIN FOR WETHERSFIELD

Your state delegation worked tirelessly to secure school construction reimbursement funding. As a result, our schools stand to receive a significant increase in state reimbursement, if the referendum passes in September.

- Highcrest - 76.79% reimbursement
- Webb and Charles Wright - 71.79% reimbursement
- \$151 million estimated state aid for the three schools



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

THANKS TO SOUND BUDGETING AND THE LEADERSHIP OF DEMOCRATS 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

SAFETY

- We expanded the work zone speed camera program, required people under 21 to wear a helmet on a motorcycle, increased the penalties for reckless driving or failing to yield to a pedestrian, and made DUI convictions affect both drivers' and boating licenses
- We ensured our police officers can review body camera and dash-cam footage when subject of disciplinary action, ensured they have more flexibility in using tasers and physical restraint, and strengthened our TRUST Act by preventing juvenile probation officers, prosecutors, and other state public safety officials from working with ICE
- We increased penalties for street racing and takeovers, including two-year license suspensions, empowered towns to regulate and penalize street takeovers including the ability to seize and destroy confiscated vehicles, and created a minimum fine of \$2,000 for racing, evading police, or causing property damage
- We prohibited abusers from accessing the location of shelters and temporary housing under freedom of information laws and helped victims of domestic violence protect their GPS data from their abuser

EARLY CHILDHOOD

The Early Childhood Education Endowment will deliver relief to families. It will attract new teachers, retain experienced educators, and create and modernize childcare facilities. Families earning up to \$100,000 per year will pay nothing at state-funded childcare facilities and families earning over \$100,000 would pay a max co-pay of 7% of their gross income. We will implement universal PreK by 2032 and grow more preschool and infant toddler childcare spaces, pay qualified educators on par with public school teachers, and provide \$10 million in funding for health insurance for early childhood care educators through Access Health CT. We have committed \$80 million in state bonding to help build and renovate early learning centers.



SPECIAL EDUCATION

In a state that has one of the best K-12 public school systems in the country, we are making sure our special education program maintains that same level of quality. We provided historic investments in our students, including \$30 million for the Special Education Expansion and Development (SEED) grant program, which will help build capacity to serve students closer to home. We prioritized better access to services through enhanced development screenings, behavioral assessment, and intervention plans.



AFFORDABILITY

- We moved charges out of your electric bill, created better oversight of new charges, removed industry subsidies from our clean energy investments, and used state financing to pay down COVID-era back payments, all to lower electric costs
- We created a refundable tax credit of \$250 per filer for families with children through the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) framework
- We launched a tax credit for employers who contribute to their employees' CHET accounts— making it easier for families to plan for the cost of higher education
- We helped first-time home buyers save money through new tax-free savings accounts

THE ENVIRONMENT

- We took a comprehensive and equitable approach to protecting our environment
- We set new state climate goals for greenhouse gas reduction, supported clean energy jobs through tax incentives, expanded loan and grant programs, and encouraged nature-based solutions for reaching greenhouse gas reduction goals
- We regulated the use of rodenticides, banned fertilizers that contain PFAS, and established an extended producer responsibility program around the collection and recycling of batteries
- We required state colleges and universities to offer scientific research animals to adoption and rescue organizations
- We created a grant program to fund agricultural land preservation