

Dear Neighbors,

The 2025 legislative session was a session of big ideas, bipartisan work, compromise, and solutions.

Connecticut is so different from Washington. Instead of drawing lines in the sand, we collaborate and have conversations with our legislative colleagues – and that can be seen in the work we do.

We focused on important issues in 2025: Electric bills, a state budget, special education, early childhood, and climate change all received our laser focus.

I remain filled with deep gratitude and pride to be your state representative.

All my best,

Mary Mushinsky

VETERANS

- Building off our 2024 law, we granted towns some new options to expand property tax exemptions for veterans and Gold Star families, to include:
- Gold Star spouses, veterans rated Totally Disabled due to Individual Unemployability (TDIU), and veterans impacted before 2024.
 - Up to two acres of land.
 - A cap on the exemption at the municipal median property value as a means of expanding eligibility in a fiscally sustainable way.



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CARING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT IS CARING FOR OURSELVES

- Regulated the use of rodenticides.
- Established an extended producer responsibility program around the collection and recycling of batteries. This will reduce soil and water contamination, minimize landfill waste, and prevent batteries from exploding in waste management facilities.
- Set new state climate goals for greenhouse gas reduction.
- Supported clean energy jobs through tax incentives.

WORKERS

Delivered targeted, meaningful relief for working families (child tax credit and tax credit for child care providers), a retirement plan for low wage workers, wage theft enforcement, and expanded Paid Family Leave.

PROTECTING THE CONSUMER

Cracked down on predatory towing - protecting renters and shoppers - through greater transparency before, during, and after a car is towed and made it easier to retrieve your car and at a lower cost.

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AMID WASHINGTON CHAOS

The Trump Administration cut funding to disabled veterans, stripped healthcare from children, and rolled back access to programs for our families. To make matters worse, we are forced to deal with significantly downgraded revenue forecasts driven by growing instability and shaky consumer confidence thanks to the federal government.

To address these issues, this year we:

- Established an investable trust to provide sustainable funding for new childcare programs.
- Provided historic new funding for special education.
- Improved access to quality health care and community nonprofit providers.
- Established an Enhanced Tax Credit for Families: For the first time, we've created a refundable tax credit of \$250 per filer through the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) framework—helping working families keep more of what they earn.
- Supported Childcare Providers: We created a \$500 refundable tax credit for home daycare owners—recognizing and sustaining the vital care workforce that allows families to work.

A STATE BUDGET THAT INVESTS IN YOUR PRIORITIES

- Our budget is the single-greatest investment in childcare in Connecticut's history.
- We delivered targeted, meaningful tax relief and long-term support for working families.
- Our comprehensive energy reforms will mean lower bills and a smarter grid.

FUNDING FOR WALLINGFORD

This year we secured:

\$21,286,162

for Education

\$279,627

for Special Education

\$5,431,169

for additional funds

\$150,000

for the Spanish Community of Wallingford

RESIDENTIAL HEAT PUMP SYSTEMS PLAN

This past session, the legislature enacted a law requiring the DEEP commissioner to develop a plan for installing efficient heat pumps for affordable heating and cooling systems in the state. We included \$25 million for these heat pumps to reduce energy costs for vulnerable populations statewide.

