

Dear Neighbor,

The 2024 legislative session is in the books, and I am proud of what we accomplished.

My goal for this session was to ensure we invested in our priorities while preserving tax cuts for families and seniors. I fought to protect programs you care about while guarding your tax dollars. The House took up major policy initiatives like eldercare, childcare and early education, childhood nutrition, the climate crisis, paid time off for workers, street takeovers, protecting health workers, and more.

In addition to these initiatives, we used our remaining federal ARPA dollars to infuse money into public education, higher education, mental health, and nonprofits. After these historic investments, we also invested in our Rainy Day Fund and paid into our pension system. Connecticut is prioritizing residents' current needs while planning for our future.

I'd love to hear from you if you would like more details or have any questions on the initiatives addressed in this legislative update.

Sincerely,



VICTORIES FOR VETERANS

- Exempted permanently and totally disabled veterans from paying property taxes.
- Made it easier for veterans to earn a Q license endorsement to join fire departments.
- Expanded eligibility for grants from the Military Relief Fund for families experiencing hardship.
- Expanded veterans' driver's license and license plate options to reservists.
- Formally recognized Vietnam veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange.
- Aligned state law with federal law on service animals.



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FUNDING FOR NEW LONDON

- **\$5,000,000** for Shoreline East Rail.
- **\$2,000,000** to the New London Early Childhood Education Center at B.P.
- **\$1,620,000** for the Lyman Allyn Park.
- **\$1,000,000** to New London for Magnet School costs.
- **\$138,000** for youth organizations.
- **\$55,000** for the Dr. Martin Luther King Scholarship Trust Fund.



2024 SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Providing Quality Care for Seniors
- Maintaining Historic Tax Cuts
- Making Childcare More Affordable and Accessible
- Maintaining CT's Future Fiscal Integrity

CARING FOR CHILDREN

- Directed the Office of Early Childcare to establish the Tri-Share Child Care Matching Program as a pilot initiative in New London County with childcare expenses for participants split evenly between employee, employer, and the state.
- Established the Education Mandate Review Advisory Council to review proposed & existing mandates on local Boards of Education.
- Required same day parental notification when children hurt themselves or others.
- Capped the amount of money all districts pay to send kids out of district – saving millions of dollars for local schools.
- Provided help to classroom paraeducators to pay for their health insurance.



OUR BIPARTISAN BUDGET INCLUDES PROTECTING TAX CUTS

WE PASSED A BIPARTISAN BIENNIUM BUDGET THAT INCLUDES HISTORIC TAX CUTS AND INVESTMENTS FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

- **LARGEST INCOME TAX CUT** in state history
- **Biggest investment** in public education ever
- **New supports** for the IDD community
- **Expansion** of debt free community college
- **Protected** safety net programs

THIS SESSION WE PROTECTED THESE TAX CUTS AND INVESTED MILLIONS OF FEDERAL FUNDS IN:

- **Higher Education** - \$160 million with a path to grow to \$200 million
- **Early Childcare** - \$21.8 million
- **Mental Health** - \$24 million
- **Nonprofits** - \$50 million

SUPPORTING SENIORS

- Expedited Medicaid coverage for home-based care as an alternative to more costly nursing home care.
- Required home care workers to wear photo-ID badges.
- Created a new registry system to connect patients to home care providers and created a dashboard to help navigate nursing home options.
- Strengthened oversight of negligent nursing homes.
- Required nursing homes and retirement communities to provide at least 60-90 days' notice of any fee increases and improved transparency around fees.

HOUSING ASSISTANCE

- Incentivized towns to develop multi-family housing.
- Required 45-day notice of rent increases.
- Streamlined the process for converting vacant nursing homes into housing.
- Prioritized surplus state-owned land for affordable housing.
- Increased the value of state rental vouchers.

