

Dear Neighbor,

The 2026 legislative session is in the rearview mirror, and I want to share some highlights in this newsletter.

It was a jam-packed session full of big ideas and important policies. What were people saying about the 2026 session? Here's a taste:

Making Historic Investments in Police, Fire, EMS, & Veterans
-CT Mirror

Connecticut budget adds free school breakfast and ends sales tax on school supplies
-Hearst CT

This newsletter has details about legislation we passed and key policy initiatives from the 2026 session. I hope you find it informative.

Enjoy,



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THE STATE-LED EFFORT TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOLS

- Expanded our Aspiring Educators Program to reach more student teachers and understaffed areas.
- \$12 million to expand free school breakfasts across the state.
- Deposited \$300 million into the Early Childhood Endowment.
- Increased supplemental education funding for cities and towns.
- Supported social workers with better training and a new mentorship program.

SUPPORTING OUR SENIORS

- Required staff at assisted living agencies to receive annual training on residents' fear of retaliation, so seniors can freely speak up about their care.
- Promoted smaller styles of nursing homes for more person-centered care, stronger community ties, and a higher quality of life for residents.
- Required assisted living facilities to give 60 days' notice before any fee increase. If the increase is more than 10%, the facility must hold an informational hearing where residents and families can weigh in.

HEALTH INSURANCE AFFORDABILITY & FAIRNESS

- Made sure our state can review and negotiate lower prescription drug prices.
- Set a floor for health insurance in Connecticut should the federal government further gut affordable health care options.
- Advanced plans for captive insurance to assist our nonprofits struggling to find liability coverage.

INVESTING IN PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION

- Increased funding for Shore Line East rail.
- Funded successful "micro-transit" public transportation programs.
- \$10 million for state police equipment upgrades.
- Assisted our first responders and National Guard service members to pursue higher education.
- Increased support to our state fire training schools.

FUNDING FOR NEW LONDON

Representing New London is a privilege and when I work with my colleagues on the state budget it is always top of mind.

This year we secured:

\$31.1 MILLION

for Education Cost Sharing Grant

\$5.1 MILLION

for Additional Community Funding
\$3,016,547 for Town Aid
\$2,149,295 for Education Funds

\$1.9 MILLION

for Supplemental Education Aid

\$300K

for Community Organizations
& Youth Services