

Dear Neighbor,

It is a privilege and honor to serve as your state representative. The 2023 legislative session is now in the rearview mirror, and I wanted to take a moment to check in and share some highlights from the past several months.

We worked hard to deliver a budget that adheres to our fiscal guardrails while also delivering historic tax cuts and increased funding for students, families, and our most vulnerable residents. We did it all while paying down our long-term debt, including an additional \$2.072 billion in unfunded future pension liability.

Most importantly, we did it by working together – without gimmicks or the partisan fighting you see in Washington. We prioritized education, supported non-profits, and invested in public safety.

Personally, I fought hard for seniors, retired teachers, small businesses and single parents and to protect and deliver for Simsbury.

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

BIG WINS FOR SIMSBURY

- More than \$685,000 in funding for Simsbury alone
- Awarded \$60,000 in funding starting in FY24 for hazard mitigation
- Maintained town aid road funding
- Increased funding for Local Capitol Improvement
- Additional \$374,000 for motor vehicle tax reimbursement



NEW LAWS FOR 2023-24 FROM STATE REPRESENTATIVE MELISSA OSBORNE

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CAPITOL UPDATE 2023

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YEAR IN REVIEW FOR SIMSBURY

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STATE REP MELISSA OSBORNE'S CAPITOL UPDATE

LARGEST TAX CUT IN STATE HISTORY



HELPING THE ENVIRONMENT

- Banned hand-harvesting of horseshoe crabs
- Protected migratory birds by requiring state-owned and leased buildings to turn off unnecessary outdoor lighting
- Responded to the municipal solid waste crisis with new funding for facilities and mandatory food scrap diversion at colleges, hospitals, and nursing homes
- Provided additional funding to towns to deal with harmful chemicals like PFAs
- Expanded eligibility for Microgrid and Resilience Loans - allowing the state to build more green buildings
- Banned intentional feeding of bears and other potentially dangerous wildlife

OUR BIPARTISAN BUDGET INCLUDES HISTORIC TAX CUTS

- ✓ \$600 million in tax cuts for the middle class
- ✓ Increased **Earned Income Tax Credit** for lower income workers
- ✓ Expanded income tax cuts on retirement income to **benefit seniors**

INVESTS:

- ✓ More funding for K-12 education
- ✓ More funding for higher education
- ✓ More funding for non-profits
- ✓ More funding for childcare
- ✓ More funding for autism waivers

PROTECTING REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

- Allowed pharmacists to prescribe emergency contraceptives and guaranteed their availability
- Directed all state college and university campuses to provide reproductive health resources to students
- Prohibited insurers from discriminating between patients based on gender identity or expression, sexual orientation or age regarding coverage for infertility treatment
- Expanded Medicaid coverage for long-term contraceptives
- Kept healthcare providers and pharmacists from being punished, losing their license, or experiencing insurance hikes because they provided reproductive health care services in our state
- Extended health insurance coverage for newborns from 61 days to 91 days



SUPPORTING SENIORS

- Strengthened patients' involvement in their homemaker care plans
- Expanded eligibility for adult day services for seniors with early onset dementia
- Increased funding for elderly nutrition and Meals on Wheels
- Required homemaker companion companies to notify their clients before they abruptly close, and prohibited any increases in rates
- Established a new coordinator of state services for people with dementia
- Allowed banks to freeze transactions when they suspect a senior is being scammed

For IRA deductions for the 2024 and 2025 tax years, the deduction percentage listed in the table below applies to the portion of income the law allows as a deduction, not to all IRA income. For example, a single filer with \$80,000 in federal AGI and \$50,000 in IRA income would be able to deduct \$13,750 of that income in the 2024 tax year (i.e., 50% of IRA income, multiplied by 55%).

Table: General Pension and Annuity Deduction and IRA Deduction Phase-Out Schedule, Beginning With 2024 Tax Year

Federal AGI (\$)		Deduction (%)
Single, Married Filing Separately, or Head of Household	Married Filing Jointly	
< 75,000	< 100,000	100.0
75,000 to 77,499	100,000 to 104,999	85.0
77,500 to 79,999	105,000 to 109,999	70.0
80,000 to 82,499	110,000 to 114,999	55.0
82,500 to 84,999	115,000 to 119,999	40.0
85,000 to 87,499	120,000 to 124,999	25.0
87,500 to 89,999	125,000 to 129,999	10.0
90,000 to 94,999	130,000 to 139,999	5.0
95,000 to 99,999	140,000 to 149,999	2.5
≥ 100,000	≥ 150,000	0.0

SUPPORTING FAMILIES IN CRISIS

- PASSED BIPARTISAN LEGISLATION THAT:
- Protects vulnerable parents, children and spouses in family court
 - Requires speedy support hearings for dependent spouses and parents to lessen the impact of financial abuse during a divorce
 - Expands child support to age 26 for children with certain disabilities

