



Dear Neighbor,

The 2025 legislative session featured big issues like lowering energy bills, childcare, special education, and the state budget – and we tackled them all.

Our budget provides a \$250 check to working families under Earned Income Tax Credit guidelines and \$300 million to fund the childcare trust fund. We devoted hundreds of millions of dollars to special education, and we approved comprehensive energy legislation to reduce electric bills for businesses and families.

***“Connecticut will be poised to continue saving hundreds of millions of dollars annually to continue paying down its hefty pension debt at an accelerated pace.”***

***-CT Mirror***

We did it responsibly. This newsletter has more details about the 2025 legislative session.

Enjoy,

STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
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## BIG WINS FOR SIMSBURY

- Cut Your Electric Bill.
- Provided Millions for Special Education.
- \$250 Tax Credit for Working Families.
- Made Childcare More Affordable and Accessible.

## PROVIDING REAL ECONOMIC RELIEF TO ADDRESS AFFORDABILITY:

- Moved programmatic charges out of your bill and created better oversight of new charges.
- Capped infrastructure programs that utility companies make us pay for while they profit off the interest.
- Removed industry subsidies from clean energy investments.
- Removed COVID-era back payments and storm-related costs from the public benefits section of your electric bill through state bonding.

These reforms deliver \$780 million in savings over the next few years, meaning:

- Lower bills.
- A smarter grid.
- A stronger future for Connecticut.

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

## THANKS TO SOUND BUDGETING AND THE LEADERSHIP OF DEMOCRATS IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE, WE:

- Delivered Single Greatest Investment in Children in Connecticut’s History.
- Made Historic Investments in Special Education.

## 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.



## WE CONTINUED OUR FOCUS ON THE STATE’S JOB GROWTH AND ECONOMIC HEALTH BY:

- Preventing massive increase in workers’ comp costs for every employer in the state.
- Supporting clean energy jobs and businesses.
- Creating a pilot program to establish or expand makerspaces.
- Expanding research and development tax credits to more manufacturers.
- Piloting a new program to assist small businesses and entrepreneurs in getting affordable access to advanced technologies like 3-D printing, advanced software, and other hands-on training.
- Making it easier for contractors to bring on an apprentice.



## CARING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT IS CARING FOR OURSELVES

Connecticut is showing the country that some of us still care about the environment:

- Regulating rodenticides & banning PFAS in fertilizers.
- Expanding our ban on the sale of invasive plant species.
- Creating a grant program to fund agricultural land preservation.
- Supporting local farmers.
- Setting new state climate goals for greenhouse gas reduction.
- Supporting clean energy jobs through tax incentives.
- Encouraging heat pump deployment.
- Encouraging natural solutions for greenhouse gas reduction goals.