



The 2024 legislative session is in the books, and as the vice chair of the Appropriations Committee, I am proud of what we accomplished.

We focused on big issues in 2024: elder care, protecting health care workers, childcare, early childhood nutrition, climate change, paid time off, and we had to protect the largest and second largest tax cuts in state history. I remain filled with deep gratitude and pride to be your state representative.

Sincerely,

2024 SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

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



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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**

HOUSING INITIATIVES

- Incentivized towns to develop more 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 to be used for affordable housing
- Increased the value of state rental vouchers

PROTECTING DEMOCRACY

- Banned foreign nationals from making campaign contributions in CT or spending money on behalf of candidates
- Required video monitoring of ballot drop boxes
- Made it a crime to harass election workers

IMPROVING HIGHER EDUCATION

- Expanded state-backed student loans to students under 18
- Invested in nonprofits that assist students with college and financial aid applications
- Required CT colleges and universities to disclose to students any reductions in their financial aid when they are awarded a scholarship
- Modified the automatic admissions program so students will be automatically admitted to certain public and private universities based on GPA, not class rank



GROWING OUR ECONOMY

- Made it easier for out-of-state nurses and social workers to move to and practice in CT
- Expanded eligibility in the fast-track certification program
- Expanded the small business loan program in lower-income communities and enabled more out-of-state businesses to expand into CT
- Cut certification red tape to make licensing faster and enable teachers to teach more subjects across more grades
- Supported middle-class and working families by granting most full and part-time workers access to paid sick days over a three-year period:
 - Use for yourself or to care for a loved one
 - Up to 40 hours per year
 - Roll-over time to the following year

PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

- Banned numerous products containing dangerous PFAS chemicals
- Required better notice when herbicides are sprayed along railroads
- Increased enforcement of boating laws on bodies of water that border our neighboring states
- Expedited permitting for solar canopies and lifted caps on new solar production
- Increased hydropower going to our power grid and extended offshore wind procurement