



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 share some highlights from the past several months.

I'm proud to have worked on a budget that delivers historic tax cuts and increased funding for students, families, and our most vulnerable residents, while paying down our long-term debt, including an additional \$2 billion in unfunded future pension liability.

Most importantly, we did it by working together, no gimmicks or partisan politics. We prioritized education, supported non-profits, and invested in public safety—without any of the fighting you see in Washington.

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

Sincerely,  
John-Michael



# NEW LAWS IN CT: A YEAR IN REVIEW

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## CAPITOL UPDATE 2023

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OUR BIPARTISAN BUDGET INCLUDES

# HISTORIC TAX CUTS

## A STATE BUDGET FOCUSED ON:



### CUTTING YOUR TAXES

Our budget includes the **largest Personal Income Tax cut in CT history** by cutting marginal income tax rates, increasing the Earned Income Tax Credit, capping mill rates, and eliminating even more retirement income taxes.



### INDUSTRY GROWTH

Our budget **supports CT's growing industries** such as childcare, biotechnology, manufacturing, and media, film, and theater production.



### INVESTING IN STUDENTS

Our budget **invests over \$240M in public education** by stabilizing our state colleges and universities, expanding debt-free community college, fully funding our schools and local boards of education, and increasing scholarships and student debt relief.



### SAFETY NET SERVICES

Our budget expands Temporary Family Assistance, increases Husky C. eligibility, provides funds to community action agencies for residents facing immediate economic hardship, supports the 9-8-8 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, and increases Medicaid rate reimbursements for providers and specialists.



### IDD SUPPORTS

Our budget **invests over \$30M to better serve Intellectually or Developmentally Disabled individuals** by addressing agency waiting lists for services, bolstering employment opportunities, increasing Husky C eligibility, and breaking down silos for better coordination and data collection.

## 2023 SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Keeping CT affordable with real tax relief
- Protecting public safety—online and in communities
- Defending reproductive rights
- Investing in education
- Expanding voting access
- Conserving our environment

## PROTECTING PUBLIC HEALTH

- As vice chair of the Public Health Committee, I helped:
- Work with hospitals, unions, and providers to keep healthcare costs down
- Combat the opioid epidemic through investments in harm reduction and prevention
- Advance the fight against diseases including endometriosis, cytomegalovirus, lung cancer, and substance use disorder
- Invest in and expand the healthcare workforce

## SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

- Secured millions in additional reimbursement for school construction
- Partnered with municipal and federal leaders to deliver infrastructure funding
- Increased education funding
- Strengthened programs to prevent domestic violence, traffic deaths, and catalytic converter theft
- Expanded services for seniors—including increased funding for elderly nutrition and Meals on Wheels

