

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As our nation celebrates America’s 250th anniversary, I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the community we call home. This legislative session, I focused on honoring those who have served our country, supporting the first responders who keep us safe, and strengthening the local businesses that help Southington thrive.

I was proud to champion the Connecticut HERO Act to expand support for veterans, back measures that strengthen the recruitment and retention of police, fire, and EMS personnel, and launch my Tour of Southington Businesses initiative to connect directly with local employers and workers.

The values that have guided our nation for nearly 250 years—service, sacrifice, hard work, and community continue to inspire my work both at the State Capitol and here in Southington. In this newsletter, you’ll find highlights from the 2026 legislative session, along with updates on the work we’re doing to make our community stronger, safer, and more affordable.

Please don’t hesitate to reach out if I can ever be of assistance or if you have questions about issues affecting our community.

Thank you for the privilege of serving you and your family.

With gratitude,



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PROUDLY SERVING SOUTHINGTON

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BIPARTISAN WINS FOR

SOUTHINGTON

- Passed bipartisan state budget with over \$300 million in relief for cities, towns, and schools.
- Invested in Connecticut’s workforce by strengthening support for first responders, veterans, nurses, teachers, and working families.
- Expanded access to affordable health care by lowering costs, strengthening patient protections, improving insurance coverage, and supporting health care providers.
- Strengthened Main Street by expanding support for small businesses, entrepreneurs, workforce development, and innovation across Connecticut.



HONORING SERVICE

- Spearheaded \$50,000 state grant to restore and update Southington’s Veterans Memorial.
- Championed the CT HERO Act, enhancing veterans’ benefits, including the creation of a Dental Care Access Program.



STANDING WITH FIRST RESPONDERS

- Strengthened recruitment and retention efforts for police, fire, and EMS personnel.
- Expanded benefits and career opportunities for EMS professionals.



SUPPORTING BUSINESSES AND WORKERS

- Launched the Tour of Southington Businesses to connect with local employers and workers.
- Brought state leaders together with Southington business owners to expand workforce opportunities, encourage investment, and bolster our local economy.

FIGHTING FOR

SOUTHINGTON

Supported a bipartisan balanced budget that did **NOT** increase tax rates

\$1.015 MILLION

In ADDITIONAL education funding and town aid

\$520,000

For improvements at YMCA Camp Sloper

\$435,611

In state funding to offset car tax payments

\$300,000

In federal grant money for Plantsville flood mitigation

\$50,000

For restoration and expansion of veteran monument on town green

\$10,250

In agriculture grant funding for Rogers Orchards to reduce fruit waste and support Connecticut-made cider products

CELEBRATING

SOUTHINGTON

