

# REP. CHRIS POULOS DELIVERING WINS FOR SOUTHINGTON!

The 2024 session proved that bipartisanship and fiscal responsibility are at the core of the Connecticut legislature, and as your State Representative, I am proud of the role I played in crafting sensible laws.

My priority this session was simple: Deliver for Southington residents. Responding to the concerns of seniors was paramount, and we proudly passed legislation to improve their quality of life while also supporting medical providers. We continued historic levels of funding for public education, expanded incentives for small businesses and job growth, and provided long overdue benefits for our Veterans.

We accomplished all this and more while remaining within our fiscal guardrails, which cap spending, pay down debt and save for a rainy day. Thanks to these policies our rainy day fund is almost 18% of our total budget and we paid off \$7 billion in pension debt.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve Southington. I value your opinions and encourage you to contact my office for more information on any of the initiatives outlined in this legislative update.



Chris Poulos

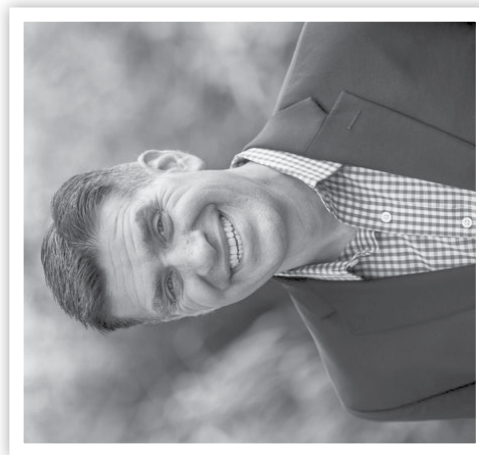
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# REP. POULOS PUTS SOUTHTON FIRST

## Delivering for the Deaf Community



*Representative Poulos at a press conference with the Deaf, Deafblind, and Hard of Hearing Community.*

Chris Poulos led the charge to establish the state's new Bureau of Services for Persons who are Deaf, Deafblind, and Hard of Hearing.

- Coordinating services across state government.
- Expanding access to certified interpreters.
- Creating a new, centralized, user-friendly website on resources and referrals.
- Providing education and training for those interacting with the Deaf community.
- Improving the accessibility of television broadcasts.
- Mandating annual planning meetings between the state and community leaders.
- Requiring annual recommendations to the legislature on the status of these services.



*Press conference for the Deaf, Deafblind, and Hard of Hearing.*

## Keeping Southington Safe

- Established a Fallen Officers Fund for the surviving families of state or local police officers who were killed in the line of duty.
- Outlawed the sale of THC infused beverages to those under 21.
- Called for legislation to crackdown on street takeovers.
- Defeated limits on police traffic stops that often help to uncover serious crimes, like the possession of illegal weapons and drugs.



*Representative Poulos with a Southington police officer*

## Protecting Small Businesses

- Preserved the largest income tax cut in state history.
- Defeated legislative mandates that would hurt Southington's small businesses.
- Incentivized job creation by expanding eligibility for the Invest CT Tax Credit to non-Connecticut residents.
- Established a 'Global Entrepreneur in Residence Program' to cultivate a successful system for talent retention, job creation, and economic prosperity with other countries.

## Honoring Our Veterans and Seniors



*Representative Poulos with a local Vet and Veterans Committee volunteer*

- Passed property tax exemptions for totally and permanently disabled veterans, honoring their sacrifice for our communities.
- Increased eligibility for the Military Relief Fund to service members and their families experiencing hardship to cover essential personal and household goods.
- Secured \$99,700 for Calendar House outdoor fitness initiative and building improvements.
- Passed senior-focused legislation, including nursing home and home care databases and resources to age in place.
- Empowered the Dept. of Public Health to manage long-term care and similar facilities, while also setting better standards for resident rooms and improvements to nursing home waiting lists.



*Representative Poulos meeting with local seniors.*