

REP. CHRIS POULOS DELIVERED BIG WINS FOR SOUTHINGTON!

It is a privilege and honor to serve as your state representative. The 2023 legislative session is in the rearview mirror, and I wanted to take a moment to share some highlights from the past several months.

I'm proud to have worked on a budget that delivered historic tax cuts and increased funding for students, families, and our most vulnerable residents, and pays down our long-term debt, including an additional \$2.072 billion in unfunded future pension liability.

Most importantly, we worked together – without gimmicks or partisan politics. We prioritized education, supported nonprofits, and invested in public safety.

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

Sincerely,



Chris Poulos

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HISTORIC INVESTMENTS FOR SOUTHTON

Serving Those Who Served



Representative Poulos on Memorial Day remembered those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

I am a proud advocate for Veterans and others who have served in our community. This session we passed legislation that:

- Granted free graduate school tuition to eligible Veterans and their families, as well as active members of the National Guard (PA 23-139)
- Expanded eligibility of state services to members of the Space Force (PA 23-71)
- Eased licensing requirements for childcare providers who serve military families (PA 23-29)
- Established funding and benefits for fire fighters diagnosed with cancer (PA 23-204)



Representative Poulos hosted a Veterans coffee hour.

Building a Skilled Workforce

- Expanded school-based apprenticeship opportunities in aviation and aerospace, training for future paraeducators, and dual credit/enrollment opportunities (PA 23-21)
- Created prosecutor apprenticeships for legal interns (PA 23-55)
- Created tax credits and incentives for towns and businesses that build workforce housing, including for teachers, police officers, and firefighters (PA 23-207)
- Established a working group to facilitate the expansion of advanced manufacturing technology center at a regional community-technical college in the state, and to maximize the economic, educational and workforce benefits provided to the state by the center (PA 23-4)



Representative Poulos with Southington's robotics team, the CyberKnights, at CT Manufacturing Day at the Capitol.

Protecting Our Environment

- Provided additional funding to towns to deal with harmful chemicals like PFAS (PA 23-74)
- Secured \$500,000 DEEP grant to complete dredging of Sloper Pond in Southington (PA 23-204)
- Allowed permits for factories, waste plants, and other polluters to be denied or have conditions on them when they are proposed in locations that have historically dealt with high levels of pollution (PA 23-202)

Fighting for Local Funding



Representative Poulos hosted Southington students in the House Chamber at the Capitol.

- Reformed retirement plans for municipal employees and saved towns hundreds of thousands of dollars annually (PA 23-182)
- Provided \$60 million in new funding for town governments (PA 23-204)
- Capped tuition payments that local districts pay for kids attending choice programs
- \$164 million in new funding to local boards of education
- \$7.2 million in new funding for vocational agriculture programs



Representative Poulos secured a \$500,000 DEEP grant to finish the dredging of Sloper Pond.