

2024 SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Protecting Tax Cuts and Education
- Keeping Our Communities Safe
- Making Seniors a Priority
- Supporting Our Veterans
- Growing Our Teacher Workforce



Dear Neighbor:

The 2024 legislative session is in the books and 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, targeting street takeovers - 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.

All my best,

Michael D. Quinn



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CAPITOL UPDATE 2024



STATE BUDGET

Last year, we passed a bipartisan biennium budget that includes historic tax cuts and investments for our community. This session, we protected these tax cuts and invested millions of federal funds in:

- Higher Ed - \$160 million with a path to grow to \$200 million
- Early Childcare - \$21.8 million
- Mental Health - \$24 million
- Nonprofits - \$50 million

We are enacting policies that will create savings by:

- Paying down debt in the Special Transportation Fund – saving \$22.1 million next year and then \$65 million annually thereafter
- Aligning our prior authorization period for Medicaid prescriptions with other states, saving \$50 million annually



A FISCAL PLAN TO PROTECT TAX CUTS & EDUCATION FUNDS

I FOUGHT TO PROTECT PROGRAMS YOU CARE ABOUT:

- ✓ Investments in public education
- ✓ New supports for the IDD community
- ✓ Expanded commitment to our higher education system
- ✓ Increased funding for nonprofits

AND TO GUARD YOUR TAX DOLLARS:

- ✓ Largest income tax cuts in state history
- ✓ Exempted even more retirement income from state taxes
- ✓ Record Rainy Day Fund
- ✓ Paid down generations of pension debt
- ✓ More funding for Meriden



MAJOR INITIATIVES AFFECTING MERIDEN

KEEPING OUR COMMUNITIES SAFE

- Improved the eligibility process for getting benefits to the families of first responders who died in the line of duty
- Established a Fallen Officer Fund to provide families of police officers who died in the line of duty with cash assistance and health care coverage
- Protected the personal information of special victims like minors and victims of abuse from public disclosures

MAKING SENIORS A PRIORITY

- Strengthened oversight of negligent nursing homes
- Fast-tracked nursing home transfers and receiverships when homes are closing
- Expedited Medicaid coverage for home-based care as an alternative to more costly nursing home care
- Prevented nursing homes from putting more than two patients in a single room
- Required nursing homes and retirement communities to provide at least 60-90 days' notice of any fee increases and improved transparency around fees
- Created an incentive-based program to improve nursing home care in CT

SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS

- Exempted permanently and totally disabled veterans from paying property taxes
- Expanded eligibility for grants from the Military Relief Fund for families experiencing hardship
- Formally recognized Vietnam veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange

GROWING OUR TEACHER WORKFORCE

- Cut certification red tape to make licensing faster and enable teachers to teach more subjects across more grades
- Expanded eligibility in the fast-track certification program
- Made it easier for industry experts to teach in our tech schools