



Dear Neighbor,

The 2025 legislative session was a session of big ideas, bipartisan work, compromise, and solutions.

Connecticut is so different from Washington. Instead of drawing lines in the sand, we collaborate and have conversations with our legislative colleagues – and that can be seen in the work we do.

We focused on important issues in 2025: electric bills, a state budget, special education, early childhood, and climate change all received our laser focus.

I remain filled with deep gratitude and pride to be your state representative.

All my best,

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WORKING FOR CT'S WORKERS

- Expanded coverage under the Firefighters Cancer Relief Program to include skin cancer.
- Expanded the program formerly known as MyCTsavings by including Personal Care Attendants (PCAs), allowing workers in a notoriously low-paying industry to have access to a state-administered retirement plan utilizing Roth IRAs.
- Expanded our landmark Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program to cover non-certified school employees, such as secretaries, nurses, custodians, security officers, and paraeducators.

HONORING OUR VETERANS

- We excluded veterans' pension benefits from income eligibility determinations under HUSKY A & D, Medicaid, Medicare Savings Program, and CEAP. Additionally, we exempted service-connected disability compensation from income calculations for public defender eligibility - expanding access to legal defense for veterans with mental health conditions.
- We increased staffing in the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Advocacy and Assistance, addressing backlogs and improving assistance with benefits claims and initiated a study of "benefits claim sharks" to examine the prevalence of contracts that exploit veterans seeking assistance with benefits.
- We designated June 12 as Women's Veterans Day.

TAKING PUBLIC SAFETY SERIOUSLY

- We made DUI convictions affect both drivers' and boating licenses.
- We expanded our "Fallen Officer Fund" to cover the family of firefighters, EMT personnel, and paramedics who are killed in the line of duty so that they can receive cash benefits and health insurance coverage.
- Increased penalties for street racing and takeovers, including two-year license suspensions.
- Empowered towns to regulate and penalize street takeovers including the ability to destroy confiscated vehicles.
- Created a minimum fine of \$2,000 for racing, evading police, or causing property damage.

A STATE BUDGET THAT INVESTS IN YOUR PRIORITIES

Thanks to sound budgeting and the leadership of Democrats in the state legislature we:

- Provided cost of living increases to community nonprofit providers.
- Continued services to support children's mental health – including funding our Urgent Crisis Centers.
- Added \$30 million annually for a new Special Education Expansion and Development (SEED) grant to districts.
- Added \$10 million in competitive grants for more in-district programming.
- Meriden will receive an additional \$2,119,062 for special education over the next 2 years.

