

The 2026 legislative session focused on protecting Connecticut from the wildly chaotic economy being whiplashed daily by the Trump Administration, as well as other big issues like free and fair elections, standing up for working families, funding our schools, and the state budget.

We made historic investments in police, fire, EMS, veterans, teachers and health care workers. Voters demanded better access to absentee ballots, and we ensured their voices were heard. Our state budget ensured that every city and town received more state funding with the direction to lower mill rates if possible.

It was a three-month legislative session, and we had mountains to move. This newsletter has more details about the legislation we passed and key policy initiatives from the 2026 session.

Enjoy,



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INVESTED IN OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIRST RESPONDERS

- \$10 Million for state police equipment upgrades
- Increased support to our state fire training schools
- Assisted our first responders and National Guard service members to pursue higher education



BIG WINS FOR MERIDEN

Representing Meriden is a privilege and when I work with my colleagues on the state budget it is always top of mind.

This year we passed an additional:

\$7.8 MILLION

for Meriden's Public Schools

\$2.3 MILLION

in aid for the City of Meriden

11% INCREASE

in total state funding for Meriden
compared to 2025



WE DELIVERED TARGETED, MEANINGFUL RELIEF & LONG-TERM SUPPORT FOR WORKING FAMILIES THROUGH FAIRER TAX POLICIES:

- Expanded sales tax-free week to include clothing, shoes and backpack under \$300
- Made basic school supplies tax-free, including backpacks, lunchboxes, notebooks, pens, pencils, crayons, rulers and papers
- Created a family caregiver tax credit for residents caring for a loved one

