



Above: New life for the old Aetna/Comet Diner. The state released more than \$3 million in June of this year for the project.

The 2024 legislative session is in the books and I am proud of what we accomplished.

We focused on big issues in 2024: eldercare, protecting health care workers, childcare, early childhood nutrition and funding for our community colleges and state university system.

I remain filled with deep gratitude and pride to be your State Representative and Speaker of the House of Representatives.

All my best,

Matthew Ritter



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Above: Speaker Ritter meets with city and state officials to unveil plans for Farmington Avenue streetscape improvements.

2024 SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

We added much needed investments in key areas by utilizing federal dollars:

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



Above: Speaker Ritter presides over the House of Representatives on the final day of the legislative session.



Above: Speaker Ritter discusses the Earned Income Tax Credits benefitting 14,647 Hartford residents.

ESTABLISHED 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



Above: Speaker Ritter receives an award from advocates of intellectually and developmentally disabled persons at the State Capitol.



Above: Speaker Ritter joins the ribbon cutting for the new MDC community outreach office in the North End.



Above: Speaker Ritter highlights state funding for Real Art Ways.



Above: Speaker Ritter visits Rawson Elementary School to announce healthcare assistance for paraeducators.