



Dear Neighbor,

The 2025 legislative session featured big issues like lowering energy bills, childcare, special education and the state budget – and we tackled them all.

Our budget provides a \$250 check to working families under EITC guidelines and \$300 million to fund the childcare trust fund. We devoted hundreds of millions of dollars to special education and approved comprehensive energy legislation to reduce electric bills for businesses and families.

“Connecticut will be poised to continue saving hundreds of millions of dollars annually to continue paying down its hefty pension debt at an accelerated pace.”

-CT Mirror

And we did it responsibly. This newsletter has more details about the 2025 legislative session.

Enjoy,

BIG WINS FOR NORWALK

- Cut Your Electric Bill
- Provided Millions for Special Education
- \$250 Tax Credit for Working Families
- Made Childcare More Affordable and Accessible



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A BALANCED BUDGET AND OUR SECOND-LARGEST SURPLUS IN STATE HISTORY

THANKS TO SOUND BUDGETING AND THE LEADERSHIP OF DEMOCRATS IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE WE:

- Delivered Single Greatest Investment in Children in Connecticut's History
- Made Historic Investments in Special Education: \$271 Million

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

- Established an Enhanced Tax Credit for Families
- Supported Childcare Providers
- Helped Families Save for College
- Expanded Capital for Special Education Infrastructure
- Invested in Our Workforce and Residents

CUTTING YOUR ELECTRIC BILL. NOT YOUR POWER

- Moved programmatic charges out of your bill and created better oversight of new charges.
- Used state financing to pay down COVID-era back payments and storm-related costs, which would otherwise be passed onto ratepayers.

Our comprehensive reforms deliver **\$780 million** in savings over the next few years, meaning:

- Lower bills
- A smarter grid
- A stronger future for Connecticut

SUPPORTING OUR CHILDREN

- My proposed bill, that was successfully passed and signed into law, makes CT the first state in the U.S. to pass a law that bans handcuffs on children who are under the age of 14.
- This bill raises the age for arrest of a child under certain circumstances, from 10 to 12 years in 2026, and from 12 to 14 years in 2028. It also restricts the use of handcuffs on children under 14 years of age.

FOUNDING THE END HOMELESSNESS CAUCUS

- Established to explore policies necessary to address the complex factors contributing to homelessness and work toward its eradication.
- Secured \$13.5 million for homeless services and \$6.7 million for the Rental Assistance Program (RAP).
- Established an Interagency Council on Homelessness to address and prevent homelessness in CT.



MAKING OUR COMMUNITIES STRONGER

- Prevented people from being foreclosed on for small, missed sewer payments.
- Increased the reimbursement homebuyers get when their contractor goes bankrupt and cannot repay them.
- Prevented condo associations from prohibiting homeowners from installing solar panels on their detached homes.
- Made it easier for towns to enforce housing code violations.
- Reduced red tape for converting vacant commercial property to housing.
- Required developers to finish their work in a timely manner, rather than leaving projects half-finished for years.

INVESTING IN OUR KIDS AND STUDENTS

Our budget is the single greatest investment in children in Connecticut's history:

- Established an investable trust to provide sustainable funding for new childcare programs.
- Provided historic new funding for special education.
- \$30 million annually for a new Special Education Expansion and Development (SEED) grant to districts.
- \$10 million in competitive grants for more in-district programming.
- \$221 million in annual reimbursement for special education costs.
- \$10 million in financing for capital projects related to special education.

We continued funding successful educational support programs for kids:

- Chronic Absenteeism Intervention
- High Dosage Tutoring
- Dual Credit Assistance

