



I wanted to take a moment to provide you with a brief summary of the 2023 legislative session and the work we've been doing to support East Hartford and Manchester.

My colleagues and I delivered a budget containing historic tax cuts and increased funding for students, families, and our most vulnerable residents while paying down our long-term debt, including an additional \$2.072 billion in unfunded future pension liability. Enclosed, you'll find specific figures demonstrating the benefits this budget will have in our community.

This session, I focused on developing housing policy that would ensure access to affordable housing throughout the state. As housing stock ages, it is important that we do all we can to provide quality housing for all in our community. Although there is still much work to do, I am confident that the initiatives passed this session will have a notable benefit for Connecticut.

There is much more that we accomplished that simply cannot fit on this page, including improvements to workforce development programs, changes to economic initiatives to alleviate burdens on families and retirees, and improvements to our healthcare system. Many of these were ideas that came from you – the constituents of the 9th assembly district.

For more information on anything included in this newsletter or if you or your family need assistance, you can check my website or contact me by mail at Jason.Rojas@cga.ct.gov or by phone at 860-240-8541.

Best,

## BIG WINS FOR EAST HARTFORD & MANCHESTER

- Largest and second largest tax cuts in CT history
- Cut more taxes on retirement income
- Historic funding for schools
- Massive deposit into Rainy Day Fund
- Sensible/sustainable budget
- Modern voting system with early voting
- Invested in growing healthcare workforce



# NEW LAWS FOR 2023-24

## FROM STATE REPRESENTATIVE JASON ROJAS

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OUR BIPARTISAN BUDGET INCLUDES THE

# LARGEST TAX CUT IN STATE HISTORY

- ✔ \$600 million middle class tax cut
- ✔ Increased **Earned Income Tax Credit** for lower income workers
- ✔ Expanded cuts to retirement savings to **benefit seniors**

## INVESTS:

- ✔ More funding for K-12 education
- ✔ More funding for higher education
- ✔ More funding for nonprofits
- ✔ More funding for childcare
- ✔ **MORE FUNDING FOR OUR COMMUNITY**

## FUNDING FOR OUR TOWNS

- Over \$16 million in municipal funding for East Hartford.
- Over \$6 million in municipal funding for Manchester.
- \$60,847,465 for East Hartford schools.
- \$42,920,769 for Manchester schools.
- \$7.5 million for Manchester's Downtown Streetscape Project.
- \$750,000 for playground replacements for East Hartford schools.
- \$6,980,278 for the remediation of the Silver Lane corridor.
- \$6.5 million for the abatement and demolition of buildings on and adjacent to the Founders Plaza site on East River Drive in East Hartford.

## LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BILLS WE PASSED

Scan the QR code with your smart phone or visit [tinyurl.com/bddrbfpb](https://tinyurl.com/bddrbfpb)



## REVAMPING HOUSING OPTIONS

- Increased municipal fines to \$2,000 for unsanitary or unsafe living conditions in rental properties.
- Made changes to the rental process, including requiring landlords to offer walk-throughs prior to signing a lease, capping rental application fees at \$50, erasing judicial records for renters who win eviction cases, requiring a more timely return of security deposits, and capping late charges for past-due rent.
- Required the establishment of a methodology for determining how a fair allocation of affordable housing may be achieved.



## IMPROVING EDUCATION

- Prevented any town from receiving a funding cut to their local schools by providing \$164 million in new funding to school boards.
- Continued our commitment to funding local school boards through an honest Education Cost Sharing formula.
- Capped tuition payments that local districts pay for students attending choice programs.
- Provided new funding for charter schools, magnet schools, the Open Choice program, and vocational agriculture programs.
- Required boards of education to provide translator services and established rights for multilingual learners.
- Required high schoolers to take a financial literacy class before graduation.

## SUPPORTING OUR WORKFORCE

- Expanded school-based apprenticeship opportunities in aviation and aerospace, training for future paraeducators, and dual credit/enrollment opportunities.
- Created prosecutor apprenticeships for legal interns.
- Developed tax credits and incentives for towns and businesses that build workforce housing, including for teachers, police officers, and firefighters.
- Worked to grow the professional healthcare workforce by encouraging careers in our schools, offering nursing licenses at our colleges, and creating opportunities for our existing personal care attendant workforce.
- Reformed retirement plans for municipal employees; saving towns and taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars annually.