



Dear Neighbors,

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

I'm writing to share updates on the work we've accomplished together at the Capitol to support East Hartford, Manchester, and communities across Connecticut.

Over the past several months, the General Assembly has been focused on strengthening the foundations that make our state a great place to live, work, and raise a family. We secured critical investments in public education to help ensure every student has access to the tools they need to succeed. We also delivered additional municipal aid to help offset rising costs and protect local property taxpayers from shouldering an even heavier burden. At the same time, we continued major work to address Connecticut's housing challenges including expanding opportunities for affordable housing, supporting first-time homebuyers, and working to make sure families have access to a growing stock of all types of safe, stable homes.

These efforts reflect not just the priorities of the legislature, but also the concerns and ideas raised by you, our neighbors, and business owners. The legislation we passed was shaped by your feedback, and your voice continues to be essential in guiding our work. I am deeply grateful for your engagement and advocacy.

For more information on any of the items included in this newsletter, or if you or your family need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to me by email at Jason.Rojas@cga.ct.gov or by phone at 860-240-8541.

Best Regards,

STATE REPRESENTATIVE JASON ROJAS

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HOUSING

Thanks to the leadership of many committees, advocates, and organizations, we successfully passed – in both the House and the Senate – one of the most substantive pieces of housing legislation our state has seen. Following our collective successes, the administration fell victim to disinformation campaigns, allowing the legislature additional time to go back and clarify and strengthen what we hope will become law later this year. Despite this, the legislature made significant investments into new and existing housing programs, including:

- \$120 million to cover down payments and closing costs for first-time homebuyers and families.
- \$100 million for Public Housing Authorities to build “missing” middle housing, like duplexes, townhomes, and cottage clusters.
- \$50 million to invest in affordable developments to create employment opportunities in construction and the trades.

CHILDREN & STUDENTS

- Protected the health of our youth by ensuring sellers of E-Cigarettes check IDs to verify buyers are 21 or older.
- Ended the practice of handcuffing those under the age of 14 years old, ensuring more humane treatment of children.
- Increased investment to all school districts for high-cost special education services.

SENIORS

- Increased biomarkers testing coverage to catch cancer early & improve treatment.
- Required background checks for all long-term care facilities’ employees to increase the safety of some of our most vulnerable residents.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Expanded the work zone speed camera program.
- Required that people convicted of reckless driving attend a driver retraining program.
- Increased the penalties for reckless driving or failing to yield to a pedestrian.
- Increased fees for people who repeatedly block fire hydrants.

ENVIRONMENT

- Set new state climate goals for greenhouse gas reduction.
- Supported clean energy jobs through tax incentives.
- Encouraged nature-based solutions for reaching greenhouse gas reduction goals.



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

THANKS TO SOUND BUDGETING
AND EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP, YOUR
STATE GOVERNMENT CONTINUES
TO INVEST IN OUR TOWNS

EAST HARTFORD

MANCHESTER

GENERAL GOVERNMENT AID

\$774,437

\$871,708

EDUCATION

\$70,969,366

\$51,701,477

SPECIAL EDUCATION

\$604,019

\$988,823

BONDING TOTAL AID

\$8,052,926

\$2,981,068

TOTAL

\$80,400,748

\$56,533,076