



Dear Neighbors,

The 2026 legislative session was defined by partnership, progress, and a continued commitment to the people of East Hartford, Manchester, and communities across Connecticut.

This session, we continued making critical investments in our public school systems and communities across Connecticut, helping towns manage rising costs and giving local leaders greater flexibility as they finalize budgets and make decisions that impact you. We also passed meaningful legislation to strengthen worker protections, expand election accessibility, and support public safety in communities throughout our state.

Every bill debated, every dollar invested, and every vote cast carries real consequences for the people we represent. I often remind my colleagues that our responsibility is not simply to pass legislation, but to make informed decisions on behalf of the families, workers, seniors, and businesses who trust us to move Connecticut forward thoughtfully and responsibly.

The work we accomplished this year was guided by conversations with residents, advocates, local officials, and community organizations. Your engagement, ideas, and concerns continue to shape the priorities we pursue and the solutions we deliver. Representing you is a responsibility I carry with gratitude and pride. Thank you for your continued support, your advocacy, and your commitment to our community.

If you or your family need assistance, or if you would like more information about any issue before the legislature, please do not hesitate to contact me at Jason.Rojas@cga.ct.gov or 860-240-8541.

Best Regards,

STATE REPRESENTATIVE JASON ROJAS

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HEALTH & WELLBEING

- Required health insurers to highlight changes to their prescription drug coverage during their open enrollment.
- Better coordinated state efforts to protect and provide for our Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities population through the sharing of reports and cases of abuse and neglect, as well as additional training and support for families and caregivers.
- Required private insurers to cover athletic prosthetics, PANS/PANDAS, scalp cooling, and expanded infertility diagnosis and treatment.
- Improved access to vaccines for uninsured and underinsured adults.
- Requiring private insurance companies to cover the cost when you get vaccinated.

STUDENTS & CHILD WELFARE

- Protected children from predatory algorithms on social media.
- Established a centralized place to help students navigate advanced placement and dual enrollment classes to provide a headstart on college.
- Required DCF to check for cases of abuse and neglect prior to a child being withdrawn from a public school.
- Directed DCF to listen to other children in the house when there’s an open investigation.
- Created an interagency council to coordinate child safety and timely interventions.
- Established a centralized place to help students navigate advanced placement and dual enrollment classes that continue to make college less expensive.
- Expanded our Aspiring Educators Program to reach more student teachers.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Protected traffic camera data from being used for immigration enforcement.
- Provided \$10 million for state police equipment upgrades.
- Empowered our Attorney General and Inspector General to intervene on behalf of CT residents impacted by an increase in federal abuse and overreach.
- Suspended licenses for people who continue to illegally pass school buses.

SENIORS

- Required staff at assisted living agencies to receive annual training on residents’ fear of retaliation, so that seniors can freely speak up about their care.
- Ensured residential care home residents can set up electronic means in their room to stay connected with family and monitor their care.
- Required homemaker companions to get 8 hours of annual training on how best to help seniors who have dementia, how to report abuse and neglect, and home safety.

ENVIRONMENT

- Standardized program rules across renewable programs to make participation easier and more predictable for customers and installers.
- Strengthened the State’s ability to address the outbreak of animal-borne diseases.
- Expanded a farm investment tax credit program and set up financial assistance to help modernize our dairy farms.



ELECTION INTEGRITY

- Allocated funds for the new, universal no-excuse absentee voting process previously approved by voters by way of a constitutional amendment.
- Delivered \$3.25 million for early voting and voter information campaigns.
- Increased penalties for tampering with vote counts.
- Expanded election audits that are independently verified by UConn to ensure the accuracy of our vote counters.

VETERANS

- Created a dental care program for eligible veterans to cover up to \$3,000 in costs, annually.
- Waived fees on veterans’ drivers’ licenses and ID cards and extended deadlines for car registrations when they relocate to Connecticut.

SMART FINANCE POLICY WITHOUT TAX INCREASES

- Allocated \$190 million in direct support for public schools.
- Continued our commitment to responsible budgeting by putting \$1 billion toward paying down long-term debt.
- Maintained our Budget Reserve Fund, also known as the “rainy day fund.”
- Deposited another \$50 million into our emergency federal response fund.
- Deposited \$300 million into the Early Childhood Endowment.

EAST HARTFORD	MANCHESTER
NEW TOWN AID	
\$19,023,444	\$11,446,969
NEW EDUCATION AID	
\$6,983,846	\$5,409,793
TOTAL FOR FISCAL YEAR 27	
\$99,686,873	\$71,320,844
THIS IS MORE THAN A 10% INCREASE IN STATE AID TO BOTH EAST HARTFORD AND MANCHESTER	