

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 for the childcare trust fund. We devoted hundreds of millions of dollars to special education and we 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

We did this responsibly. This newsletter has more details about the 2025 legislative session.

Enjoy,

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HELPING OUR WORKING AND MIDDLE CLASS

- Took steps toward meaningfully lowering the cost of prescription drugs by:
 - Stopping middlemen from passing along cost increases for their personal profit.
 - Guaranteed rebates from drug manufacturers are passed along to consumers.
 - Taking initial regulatory steps to import cheaper drugs from Canada.
- Established inflationary increases for our nonprofit providers.
- Made it easier for contractors to bring on an apprentice.

TAKING PUBLIC SAFETY SERIOUSLY

Supporting victims:

- Prohibited abusers from accessing the location of shelters and temporary housing under the state’s FOIA information laws.
- Helped victims of domestic violence protect their GPS data from their abuser.

Making our communities safer while supporting our first responders:

- Expanded our “Fallen Officer Fund” to cover the families of firefighters, EMT personnel, and paramedics who are killed in the line of duty.
- Prevented massive increase in workers’ comp costs for every employer in the state.

Cracking down on street takeovers:

- Increased penalties for street racing and takeovers, including two-year license suspensions and a minimum fine of \$2,000 for racing, evading police, or causing property damage.
- Empowered towns to regulate and penalize street takeovers, including the ability to seize and destroy confiscated vehicles.



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 the Single Greatest Investment in Children in Connecticut’s History
- Made Historic Investments in Special Education. Including over \$3.8 million to the city and towns of the 139th district over the next 2 years

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

MAKING OUR COMMUNITIES STRONGER

Helping our towns:

- Made it easier for towns to enforce housing code violations
- Required all studies submitted for a development to disclose who paid for them and any conflicts of interest.

Improving homeowner rights:

- 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.

Protecting the consumer:

- Cracked down on predatory towing through greater transparency before, during, and after a car is towed, and made it easier to retrieve your car at a lower cost.

SOUND BUDGETING IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE:

- Provided Medicaid increases for providers and increased funding for Federally Qualified Health Centers for the first time in years.
- Increased funding for group and nursing homes – helping to settle a labor strike. (\$150 million)
- Provided cost of living increases to community nonprofit providers.
- Supported rate increases for other medical providers who have been chronically underpaid according to our recent rate study.
- Continued services to support children’s mental health – including funding our Urgent Crisis Centers.
- Provided new funding for the direct care of our kids through Medicaid (\$6.9 million/\$7.2 million).
- Continued mobile psychiatric response: 24/7 around our state.

