

Dear Neighbor,

The 2026 legislative session focused on protecting Connecticut from the wildly chaotic economy being whiplashed daily by the Trump Administration, as well as other big issues like elections, standing up for working families, funding our schools, and the state budget.

We made historic investments in police, fire, EMS, veterans, teachers, and health care workers. Voters demanded better access to absentee ballots, and we ensured their voices were heard. We know that property taxes are too high, so we made sure New Britain received more state funding to help prevent a tax increase and provide record funding to our schools.

It was a three-month legislative session, and we had mountains to move. This newsletter has more details about the legislation we passed and key policy initiatives from the 2026 session.

Enjoy,



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MY WORK ON THE LABOR COMMITTEE

- Championed and secured new protections for teachers, school employees, and healthcare workers assaulted at work, guaranteeing full salary replacement and recovery benefits through workers' compensation.
- Pushed for salary transparency, requiring employers to disclose pay ranges in job postings.
- Fought to protect construction workers from wage theft by ensuring unpaid wages can be recovered from general contractors.
- Delivered stronger warehouse quota standards that protect workers from missing essential breaks to meet production goals.

INVESTING IN NEW BRITAIN EDUCATION

- Increased free school breakfast programs across the state..
- Expanded grants for successful special education programs.
- Newly launched literacy interventions and concentrated tutoring.

A STATE BUDGET THAT INVESTS IN YOUR PRIORITIES

- Invested over \$190 million in public education for the 2026-2027 school year.
- Allows us to prepay an additional \$1.1 billion in pension liability.
- \$300 million for early childhood endowment.

FUNDING FOR NEW BRITAIN

\$13.4 MILLION

In educational funding for the Consolidated School District of New Britain

\$4.4 MILLION

State Funding for the town of New Britain

\$300,000

For local non-profit organizations that serve the local community

