

SUPPORTING AND HONORING VETERANS

- We excluded veterans’ pension benefits from income eligibility determinations under HUSKY A & D, Medicaid, Medicare Savings Program, and CEAP. Additionally, we exempted service-connected disability compensation from income calculations for public defender eligibility - expanding access to legal defense for veterans with mental health conditions.
- We improved access to funds and job creation for our veterans by prioritizing disabled veteran entrepreneurs in the Small Business Express loan program.
- We provided no-cost driver’s license renewals for veterans, and required the DMV to issue vouchers for veterans whose licenses are close to their expiration dates.



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The 2025 legislative session was one of big ideas, bipartisan work, compromise, and solutions.

Connecticut is so different from Washington, D.C. Instead of drawing lines in the sand, we do our best to collaborate and have conversations with our legislative colleagues – and that can be seen in the work we do.

We focused on important issues in 2025, including the high cost of energy, a responsible two-year state budget, special education, early childhood care and education; and climate change. In addition, I continued to ensure that Danbury received its fair share of state aid – and I’m happy to say we delivered over \$54 million in new state dollars to the city. Thank you for choosing me to be your state representative and to serve the city I love!

I remain filled with deep gratitude and pride to be your state representative.

All my best,

F. Santos



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A YEAR IN REVIEW

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CAPITOL UPDATE 2025



REP. SANTOS DELIVERED RECORD FUNDING FOR THE CITY OF DANBURY

IN ADDITION TO \$46 MILLION MUNICIPAL AID, WE HAVE ALSO SECURED:

- * \$552,000 for special education and expansion development
- * \$1 million for The Center for School Safety
- * \$83,000 for Danbury Youth Services
- * \$1 million for regional hospice
- * \$9.1 million increase in state education funds for a yearly total of \$62,336,819
- * \$7 million for King Street Primary School renovation & safety improvements
- * \$150,000 for Danbury Police Activities League
- * \$25,000 for EdAdvance
- * \$50,000 for Friends of the Danbury Museum & Historical Society
- * \$25,000 for Cultural Alliance of Western Connecticut
- * \$25,000 for Danbury Grassroots Academy
- * \$25,000 for Danbury Police Cadets
- * \$15,000 for Dominican Cultural Center
- * \$10,000 for Danbury Youth Soccer
- * \$50,000 for City of Danbury Kids Summer Camp

OUR BUDGET INCLUDES

THE GREATEST INVESTMENT IN CHILDREN IN CONNECTICUT’S HISTORY

THANKS TO SOUND BUDGETING AND THE LEADERSHIP OF DEMOCRATS IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE WE:

- ESTABLISHED AN INVESTABLE TRUST TO PROVIDE SUSTAINABLE FUNDING FOR NEW CHILDCARE PROGRAMS.
- PROVIDED HISTORIC NEW FUNDING FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION.
- IMPROVED ACCESS TO QUALITY HEALTH CARE AND COMMUNITY NONPROFIT PROVIDERS.

THIS SESSION WE PRIORITIZED PROVIDING RELIEF AND LONG-TERM SUPPORT FOR OUR FAMILIES:

- FOR THE FIRST TIME, WE’VE CREATED A REFUNDABLE TAX CREDIT OF \$250 PER FILER THROUGH THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT (EITC) FRAMEWORK—HELPING WORKING FAMILIES KEEP MORE OF WHAT THEY EARN.
- WE LAUNCHED A TAX CREDIT FOR EMPLOYERS WHO CONTRIBUTE TO THEIR EMPLOYEES’ CHET ACCOUNTS—MAKING IT EASIER FOR FAMILIES TO PLAN FOR THE COST OF HIGHER EDUCATION.



MAJOR INITIATIVES AFFECTING DANBURY

SUPPORTING OUR WORKING CLASS

- Expanded coverage under the Firefighters Cancer Relief Program to include skin cancer.
- Expanded our landmark Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program to cover non-certified school employees, such as secretaries, nurses, custodians, security officers, and paraeducators.
- Expanded the program formerly known as MyCTSAVINGS by including Personal Care Attendants (PCA’s), allowing workers in a notoriously low-paying industry to have access to a state-administered retirement plan utilizing Roth IRAs.
- Moved programmatic charges out of your electric bill and created better oversight of new charges.

MAKING CONNECTICUT SENIORS A PRIORITY

- Ensured insurance coverage of biomarker testing to detect cancer early and improve treatment.
- Created anti-discrimination protections for residents of long-term care facilities and now require their staff to receive anti-discrimination training. Our state Department of Public Health and Long-Term Care Ombudsman can now investigate complaints and take disciplinary action.
- Required greater consideration of how close your family lives when care homes try to transfer patients.

SUPPORTING OUR KIDS AND STUDENTS

- We established the Early Childhood Education Endowment - an investable trust fund that will create universal access to childcare - starting with a downpayment of nearly \$300 million.
- We made funding for indoor air quality improvements a permanent part of our state financing for local school construction.
- Increased the state reimbursement grants for school construction projects related to special education and childcare.

KEEPING OUR COMMUNITIES SAFE

- Strengthened our TRUST Act to protect our residents and our city and made it easier for ICE to deport sex offenders.
- Increased penalties for street racing and takeovers, including two-year license suspensions.
- Made it easier for the state to seize crypto currency when offenders commit cybercrimes.