

Dear Neighbor,

The 2025 legislative session featured big issues like lowering energy bills, child care, special education, and the state budget – and we tackled them all.

Our budget provides a refundable \$250 check to working families under Earned Income Tax Credit guidelines, and \$300 million to fund the Child Care 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

And we did it responsibly. This newsletter has more details about the 2025 legislative session.

Enjoy,

Frank Smith



CUT YOUR ELECTRIC BILL

- Moved programmatic charges out of your bill and created better oversight of new charges
- Capped infrastructure programs that utility companies make us pay for while they profit off the interest
- Removed industry subsidies from our clean energy investments

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CAPITOL UPDATE 2025

BIG WINS FOR

MILFORD

- Cut Your Electric Bill
- Provided Millions for Special Education
- \$250 Tax Credit for Working Families
- Made Child Care More Affordable and Accessible



PROTECTING OUR

CHILDREN

- Increased fines for anyone who gives a vape to kids
- Strengthened penalties for stores that sell cannabis to a minor
- Stopped the practice of handcuffing kids under 14

POLICIES OVER POLITICS

IN OUR LIBRARIES

- Required school and public libraries to have a policy and a review committee made up of parents, teachers, staff, and students to deal with controversial materials

NEW PROGRAMS FOR

LOCAL SCHOOLS

- Continued programs to support school districts in reducing chronic absenteeism
- Increased the state reimbursement grants for school construction projects related to special education and child care

MAKING OUR

ROADS SAFER

- Increased the penalties for reckless driving or failing to yield to a pedestrian
- Required that people convicted of reckless driving attend a driver retraining program
- Expanded the work zone speed camera program

TAKING GUN CONTROL

SERIOUSLY

- Ensured gun manufacturers take reasonable steps to curb illegal activity when doing business in Connecticut
- Included out-of-state convictions in reasons to be denied a permit



A BALANCED BUDGET

AND OUR

SECOND-LARGEST

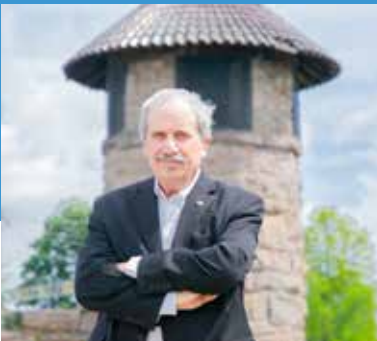
SURPLUS IN STATE HISTORY

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

- Delivered Single Greatest Investment in Children in Connecticut’s History
- Made Historic Investments in Special Education

WE DELIVERED TARGETED, MEANINGFUL RELIEF AND LONG-TERM SUPPORT FOR WORKING FAMILIES THROUGH FAIRER TAX POLICIES:

- Established an Enhanced Tax Credit for Families
- Supported Child Care Providers
- Helped Families Save For College
- Expanded Capital for Special Education Infrastructure
- Invested in Our Workforce and Residents



INVESTING IN EARLY CHILD

CARE AND EDUCATION

- We established the Early Childhood Education Endowment - an investable trust fund that will create universal access to child care - starting with a down payment of nearly \$300 million
- By 2027, families earning up to \$100,000 will be able to receive child care at no cost, while families earning more will pay no more than 7% of their income
- We authorized \$80 million to help child care providers expand and upgrade their facilities