

It is a privilege and honor to serve as your state representative. The 2023 legislative session is now in the rearview mirror, and I wanted to take a moment to check in and share some highlights from the past several months.

I'm proud to have worked on a budget that delivers historic tax cuts and increased funding for students, families, and our most vulnerable residents, while paying down our long-term debt, including an additional \$2.1 billion in unfunded future pension liability.

Most importantly, we did it by working together – without gimmicks or partisan politics. We prioritized education, supported non-profits, and invested in public safety without the fighting you see in Washington.

I'd love to hear from you if you would like more details or have any questions on any of the initiatives addressed in this legislative update.

Sincerely,



SUPPORTING SENIORS

- Expanded eligibility for seniors to participate in adult day services (serving those with early onset dementia)
- Expanded Medicaid coverage for services including primary healthcare, physical therapy, and meals
- Increased funding for elderly nutrition and Meals on Wheels
- Allowed banks to freeze transactions when they suspect a senior is being scammed



NEW LAWS FOR 2023-24

FROM STATE REPRESENTATIVE JONATHAN STEINBERG

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CAPITOL UPDATE 2023


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YEAR IN REVIEW FOR WESTPORT

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STATE REP. JONATHAN STEINBERG'S CAPITOL UPDATE LARGEST TAX CUT IN STATE HISTORY



STANDING UP FOR CT CONSUMERS

- Prohibited utility companies from passing off their lobbying and marketing expenses through rate hikes
- Demanded TV and cable companies give you a prorated refund if you cancel before the end of your billing cycle
- Required event tickets to clearly state the final price, even before you check out online
- Restricted more types of telemarketing calls, texts, and social media solicitations and limited the hours that telemarketing can take place
- Required faster transfer of medical records between facilities

OUR BIPARTISAN BUDGET INCLUDES HISTORIC TAX CUTS

- ✓ **\$600 million middle class tax cut**
- ✓ Increased **Earned Income Tax Credit** for lower income workers
- ✓ Expanded cuts to retirement savings to **benefit seniors**

INVESTS:

- ✓ More funding for K-12 education
- ✓ More funding for higher education
- ✓ More funding for nonprofits
- ✓ More funding for childcare
- ✓ **MORE FUNDING FOR WESTPORT**

EXTENDING HEALTHCARE SERVICES

- Allowed pharmacists to prescribe emergency contraceptives and guaranteed their availability in cases of an emergency
- Protected healthcare providers from losing their license, or experiencing insurance hikes because they provided reproductive health care services
- Allowed pharmacies to administer vaccines and perform testing for COVID, flu, and HIV
- Established the Office of the Behavioral Health Advocate to help providers and patients navigate our insurance system
- Created statewide Drug Discount Card Program, regulated pharma sales reps, and banned anticompetitive loopholes in healthcare contracts



MODERNIZING THE LAND OF STEADY HABITS

- Enacted early voting: 14 days before Election Day for general elections, 7 days before most primaries, and 4 days before special elections/Presidential primary
- Approved voter referendum on no excuse absentee ballots: to be decided in November 2024.

SUPPORTING WORKERS AND SMALL BUSINESSES

- Cut the number of reporting requirements for businesses
- Permanently allowed restaurants to sell alcohol for off-site consumption
- Cut business taxes to promote expansion of childcare facilities

NEW CT GUN CONTROL REFORMS

- Restricted Open Carry
- Limited monthly handgun purchases to 3 per 30-day period
- Required safe storage and trigger locks
- Updated training requirements
- Strengthen penalties for failure to report lost or stolen guns