

Dear Neighbor,

The 2025 legislative session was a session of big ideas, bipartisan work, compromises, and solutions. Instead of drawing lines in the sand, we collaborate with our legislative colleagues to get work done.

We prioritized important issues in 2025: lower electric bills, a balanced and sustainable state budget, and enhanced education opportunities. We also attempted to prepare the state for the Trump Administration’s huge cuts to essential programs. Fortunately, we have a robust Rainy Day Fund and will hopefully weather this storm – without raising your taxes!

As Chair of the Energy and Technology Committee, I spent much of session negotiating changes that impact your electric bill lowering the overall cost while protecting critical energy efficiency and sustainability initiatives.

Each session poses a new set of challenges. As your longstanding state representative, you can be confident that I’m always looking out for you!

Sincerely,



GUN SAFETY

- Ensured gun manufacturers take reasonable steps to curb illegal activity when doing business in Connecticut.
- Regulated gun industry ads that promote illegal sales.
- Included out-of-state convictions as reasons to deny a gun permit.



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ENERGY REFORM

- Moved programmatic charges out of your bill and created better oversight of new charges.
- Authorized dynamic market purchases with updated procurement planning to lock in lower prices.
- Approved nuclear development, geothermal heating networks, and incentives for higher grid efficiency.



BIG WINS FOR WESTPORT

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



EDUCATION ENHANCEMENT

- Established a new \$30 million Special Education Expansion and Development (SEED) grant program based on school needs.
- 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.
- Created an online portal to help parents navigate affordable childcare and educational opportunities closer to home.
- Created a fee-waiver grant program to cover the cost of high-need students taking AP and dual enrollment classes.
- Rejected attempts to cut education funding to ensure no school district receives less than the year before from the state.



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

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

CONSUMER PROTECTION

- Required businesses, including landlords and car salesmen, to advertise all-in pricing, and cracked down on hidden fees across industries.
- Expanded our price gouging laws to further protect consumers against exorbitant pricing.
- Forced social media companies to have policies on cyberbullying, stopped ads targeting minors online, and banned the sale of your sensitive data without your consent.

