



Dear Neighbor,

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

Our budget provides a \$250 check for working families under EITC guidelines and \$300 million to fund the childcare trust fund. We devoted hundreds of millions of dollars to special education and 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

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

Always working for you,

Laurie

BIG WINS FOR HAMDEN

- Created the option for Hamden to purchase High Meadows from the state
- Fully funded ECS bringing \$42 million dollars to Hamden Schools
- Brought a record \$66 million in total state aid to Hamden



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A BALANCED BUDGET — AND INVESTING — IN OUR FAMILIES

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 Childcare Providers
- Helped Families Save for College
- Expanded Capital for Special Education Infrastructure
- Invested in Our Workforce and Residents

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SESSION

- Established inflationary increases for our nonprofit providers
- Banned fertilizers that contain PFAS and regulated rodenticides
- Took steps towards meaningfully lowering the cost of prescription drugs
- Created good-paying construction jobs for residents by partnering with local unions
- Made it easier to cancel a subscription over the phone

MAKING HAMDEN SUSTAINABLE

This session, after 4 years of work, the legislature passed new regulations that make it easier to clean up polluted properties. This is a win for Hamden because it will allow the clean up of properties like Six Lakes and return them to the community.

HOUSING AND ENDING HOMELESSNESS

- Established the End Homelessness Caucus to explore policies to address the complex factors contributing to homelessness
- Secured \$13.5 million for homeless services and \$6.7 million for the Rental Assistance Program (RAP)
- Established an Interagency Council on Homelessness to address and prevent homelessness in CT



WORKERS

- 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 IRA's
- 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 coverage under the Firefighters Cancer Relief Program to include skin cancer

TOWING

We passed legislation updating the archaic laws on towing. Here's what that means:

- Additional requirements and restrictions for towing from private property
- Allows people to redeem their personal property without paying the towing or storage fees
- Towing companies must accept credit and debit cards and make change for cash
- Requires the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to develop a towing bill of rights
- Extends the minimum time that garage owners must hold a vehicle before they can sell it, from 30 to 60 days
- Allows towns to regulate nonconsensual towing and parking facility management in a manner consistent with state law