

The 2026 legislative session focused on protecting Connecticut residents from the economic uncertainty and chaos created by decisions coming out of the Trump Administration, while continuing our work to make Connecticut a more affordable, safer, and better place to live, work, and raise a family.

My top priorities this session were focused on the issues that matter most to many residents: making historic investments in our towns and schools to help ease the burden on property taxpayers, supporting our police, fire, EMS, veterans, teachers, and health care workers; expanding access to voting, and protecting Connecticut residents, especially our children, from the harms of emerging technologies.

This newsletter highlights some of the important legislation we passed, the investments we made in Newington and New Britain, and the work we are doing to build a stronger future for Connecticut.

Your Representative,

Gary Turco



PROTECTING KIDS FROM HARMFUL TECHNOLOGY

Proud to have led the passage of landmark legislation protecting children from the risks of emerging technologies, which was signed by the Governor.

- Limited social media companies' use of addictive algorithms and notifications designed to keep kids constantly scrolling
- Required social media platforms to warn minors about potential mental health risks
- Required AI chatbots to detect signs of self-harm and violence, provide resources, and clearly disclose when users are communicating with AI
- Strengthened protections against gambling advertisements targeted at children



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RESPONSIBLE BIPARTISAN BUDGET

WE DELIVERED TARGETED, MEANINGFUL RELIEF AND INVESTMENTS TO MAKE CT MORE AFFORDABLE:

- Deposited \$300 million into the Early Childhood Endowment
- Made basic school supplies tax-free, including backpacks, lunchboxes, notebooks, pens, pencils, crayons, rulers, and paper
- Created a family caregiver tax credit for residents caring for a loved one
- \$190 million in additional direct support for schools
- \$100 million in additional support for municipalities



Joined Mayor Trister and local community leaders to celebrate CT Pride Month.



Newington and New Britain doctors visiting the state capitol.

EN ESPAÑOL



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SUPPORTING STUDENTS

- Established universal free breakfast for all public school students
- Launched new literacy interventions and concentrated tutoring
- Created a grant program to implement therapeutic arts in schools

ASSISTING OUR FIRST RESPONDERS

- Created new college tuition and mortgage assistance programs for in-state first responders, including volunteers
- Ramped up efforts to hire and train more police officers and firefighters

PROTECTING CONSUMERS

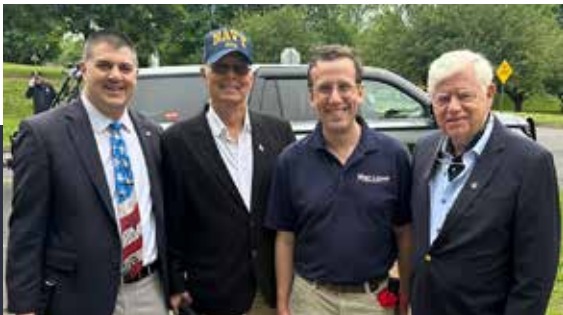
- Curbed the use of medical credit cards being solicited to patients when they are receiving treatment
- Increased transparency at car dealerships to ensure advertised car prices include fees
- Banned the ability to use surveillance pricing in stores and apps to prevent price-gouging consumers

INCREASING ACCESS TO VOTING

- Provided all voters with the opportunity to vote by absentee ballot without needing an excuse beginning this year

WATCHING OUT FOR VULNERABLE CHILDREN

- Improved protections and oversight to prevent potential child abuse
- Created an interagency council to coordinate child safety and timely intervention



With Congressman Larson, Sen. Lesser, and Newington's Memorial Day Grand Marshal, Peter Daniel Solak.



Announcing state funding toward Newington High School Health Center.



With New Britain Mayor Bobby Sanchez at CT Race In the Park to support breast cancer research.

SECURED FUNDING FOR NEWINGTON

- \$ 26,255,227 in state assistance funding
- \$ 16,889,688 in education cost sharing
- \$ 2,000,000 for redevelopment of Newington town center
- \$ 557,839 for paving local roads
- \$ 159,000 for Newington High School Health Center
- \$ 100,000 for Newington Police Dept's work to prevent car break-ins and thefts.
- \$ 100,000 for Nor'Easter Academy
- \$ 83,333 for Newington Senior Nutrition Programs
- \$ 20,000 for Lucy Robbins Welles Library Renovation Planning

SECURED FUNDING FOR NEW BRITAIN

- \$ 153,649,440 in state assistance funding
- \$ 124,491,915 in education cost sharing
- \$ 5,000,000 for Allen Street Flooding Mitigation
- \$ 1,030,994 for paving local roads
- \$ 80,000 for Boys and Girls Club of New Britain
- \$ 39,380 for New Britain Arts Council
- \$ 30,000 for Human Resources Agency of New Britain, Inc.