

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2025 SESSION



Hosted Newington High School students who are part of Future Business Leaders of America at the Legislative Office Building!



My wife, Heather, and I celebrated the Lunar New Year at the Asian Pacific American Coalition of CT.



Joined Senator Lesser to thank over 70 Connecticut female service members, including Newington’s Gladys Silva-Perales.



I was honored to be named the 2025 Newington Town Honoree and march in this year’s Greater Hartford St. Patrick’s Day Parade!



Advocated for property tax relief with Gov. Ned Lamont, Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz, & Mayor Jon Trister in Newington.



Girl Scouts from Newington and New Britain visit the Capitol!

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
FROM STATE REPRESENTATIVE
GARY TURCO

Dear Neighbors,

It has been a busy legislative session, and I want to update you on some key developments. First, thank you to the hundreds of individuals who either filled out my legislative survey or emailed me to share their thoughts on changes to state laws. Your correspondence helped me prioritize what to advocate for this session to ensure I am best representing the district.

Those priorities have included:

- **Affordability** by prioritizing policies that keep costs from going up, provide tax relief, and maintain essential services.
- **Fighting back against rising utility rates** by pushing for stronger regulation and oversight of utility companies, and ensuring energy grid reliability of services.
- **Lowering the cost of housing** by advocating for policies that make housing more affordable for homeowners and renters.
- **Making our roadways safer** by supporting infrastructure improvements, enforcement and traffic safety measures.
- **Maintaining Medicaid services** by ensuring continued funding for healthcare to thousands of the state’s most vulnerable residents.

I will continue to advocate in these areas and more to ensure that Newington and New Britain remain great communities.

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Always a pleasure having 3rd graders from Elizabeth Green Elementary School at the State Capitol & teaching them about government – one of my favorite parts of being a state rep!

HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

One of my top priorities for this session is to reduce the rising levels of homelessness and the crisis nonprofits face in funding. The Housing Committee on which I serve has passed several important bills that await action on the floor of the House or Senate for final votes. The bills aim to make strong structural policy changes to improve services now and invest in housing growth.

HB 5002 - AN ACT CONCERNING HOUSING AND THE NEEDS OF HOMELESS PERSONS: lowers housing costs, increases housing options and updates rental assistance programs.

HB 6893 - AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR PROGRAMS TO ASSIST HOMELESS PERSONS: allocates funding to support programs assisting homeless individuals.

HB 6894 - AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS: creates an interagency council to coordinate state efforts to prevent and reduce homelessness.

HB 6942 - AN ACT ESTABLISHING A RADON MITIGATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS: establishes a program to help low-income households mitigate radon exposure risks.

SB 1263 - AN ACT CONCERNING TAX CREDITS FOR THE CONVERSION OF COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES: provides tax credits to encourage converting commercial buildings into residential.

SENIORS & LONG TERM CARE

As your representative, I am focused on helping seniors with difficulties they may face on fixed incomes and other challenges that come with aging. There are several bills I am strongly supporting that are being considered as new laws this year.

SB 1269 & SB 1420 – AN ACT CONCERNING LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE: makes various changes in laws related to long-term care insurance policies to make long-term care more affordable, transparent, and accessible.

HB 6986 - AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SENIOR CITIZENS’ BILL OF RIGHTS: specifies that the rights seniors should be entitled to in CT including the right to live where they choose, have independence to the maximum extent possible, participate in care decisions, and be treated with respect.

SB 13 - AN ACT CONCERNING FINANCIAL FRAUD SCHEMES PERPETRATED AGAINST SENIOR CITIZENS: requires the state police and the Department of Criminal Justice to create units to deal with financial fraud against seniors and senior abuse.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

HB 5003 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION FUND: makes better use of the Early Childhood Care and Education Fund to fund early care and education programs.

HB 5001 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE QUALITY AND DELIVERY OF SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES IN CONNECTICUT: improves the quality and delivery of special education services through a comprehensive approach of policy improvements and funding increases.

Honored to recognize Karen Weal of New Britain for her outstanding community contributions during Black History Month. Karen was nominated by Reverend Walker of Saint James Missionary Baptist Church.



ENERGY COSTS & ASSISTANCE

As someone who pays the electric bill each month, I understand personally the challenges of rising energy costs, and am committed to finding solutions. Unfortunately, due to global market changes, an inability to completely regulate for-profit companies who supply and transmit, and a bad deal the state entered into in 2017 with Millstone Power Plant Nuclear that drastically raised the public benefits costs, the state government doesn’t have complete control over these costs.

We will continue to work in the legislature for other ways to provide relief, build more reliability in our grid, diversify our energy sources, and further regulate the energy companies to prevent price increases. The good news, starting May 1, electric bills are expected to decrease, particularly in the public benefits portion, as charges related to the Millstone Nuclear Power Plant and the COVID-19 shut-off moratorium come to an end.

- Financial Assistance Programs:**
- **Matching Payment Programs:** Eversource will match your payments for energy assistance.
 - **Flexible Payment Plans:** Up to 18-month plans for outstanding balances.
 - **Low-Income Discounts:** Income-based discounts up to 50%.
 - **For more information:** <https://portal.ct.gov/pura/consumer-services/payment-assistance-programs>

Shop to find the lowest electric rates

HOW TO SWITCH TO A NEW ENERGY SUPPLIER

1. Go to EnergizeCT.com

2. Click Rate Board.

3. Click Compare Energy Supplier Rates.

4. Narrow your search by filling out information regarding your electric bill.

5. Once information is entered, you can compare different rates.

6. Click “View offer details” to read fine print for the rate offered.

7. Once you choose a third-party supplier, click “enroll now” which will allow you to enroll on the company website.

Available to customers with or without a financial hardship.