

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The 2024 legislative session is in the books, and I am proud of what we accomplished. We focused on big issues in 2024: eldercare, protecting healthcare workers, childcare, early childhood nutrition, climate change, paid time off, targeting street takeovers-and we had to protect the largest and second-largest tax cuts in state history. I remain filled with deep gratitude and pride to be your state representative.

Sincerely,



QUALITY CARE FOR SENIORS

- Made it easier for seniors to age in place and increased community-based services
- Created a nursing home database to connect seniors with quality care
- Established oversight to prevent negligence and abuse and incentives to encourage nursing homes to improve care
- Enacted requirements for nursing home facilities to be more transparent
- Capped nursing homes to 2 beds in a room



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SUPPORTING & IMPROVING LOCAL SCHOOLS

- Provided help to classroom paraeducators to pay for their health insurance
- Established the Education Mandate Review Advisory Council to review proposed and existing mandates on local boards of education
- Required same-day parental notification when a child hurts themselves or others
- Expanded state-backed student loans to students under 18
- Invested in nonprofits that assist students with college and financial aid applications

2024 SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Providing Quality Care for Seniors
- Maintaining Historic Tax Cuts
- Making Childcare More Affordable and Accessible
- Maintaining CT's Future Fiscal Integrity

LABOR LAWS AND GROWING OUR ECONOMY

This session the Labor and Public Employees Committee lead efforts to advance worker-centered labor protection laws:

Supporting Workers with Paid Sick Days- Supported middle-class and working families by granting most full and part-time workers access to Paid Sick Days over three years:

- Use for yourself or to care for a loved one
- At least 40 hours per year
- Roll over time to the following year

More Care with Paid Family and Medical Leave - Expands access to paid family and medical leave program to employees of Native American Tribal Nations and victims of sexual assault seeking medical care or counseling.



OUR BIPARTISAN BUDGET INCLUDES PROTECTING TAX CUTS

WE PASSED A BIPARTISAN BIENNIUM BUDGET THAT INCLUDES HISTORIC TAX CUTS AND INVESTMENTS FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

- LARGEST INCOME TAX CUT in state history
- Biggest investment in public education ever
- New supports for the IDD community
- Expansion of debt-free community college
- Protected safety net programs

THIS SESSION WE PROTECTED THESE TAX CUTS AND INVESTED MILLIONS OF FEDERAL FUNDS IN:

- Higher Education - \$160 million with a path to grow to \$200 million
- Early Childcare - \$21.8 million
- Mental Health - \$24 million
- Nonprofits - \$50 million

BIG WINS CONTINUE FOR NORWICH

- 3.6% In Increases For Adult Education In Norwich
- 3.2% In Increases For Motor Vehicle Reimbursements

Fiscal Stabilization and Allocating American Rescue Plan Act Funds for Norwich

Championed an Additional **4.85 Million Dollars** for Norwich Through YSP, YVI, and state aid to towns...

- \$3.8 Million Secured For Education Cost Sharing
- \$500,000 Secured For The Norwich Historical Society
- \$100,000 Secured For The Norwich First Congregational Church Infrastructure
- \$300,000 Secured For Norwich VFW Infrastructure

\$150,000 Youth Prevention Funds Secured For...

- Bully Busters
- DHW Athletics
- Norwich Public Schools Education Foundation, Inc
- Dr. Martin Luther King Scholarship Trust Fund
- Norwich Youth Football League
- Historic Black College Alumni, Inc
- Night Flight Association, Inc
- Norwich Free Academy
- Norwich Youth Football League
- Sankofa Education And Leadership, Inc
- Integrated Day Charter School, Inc