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 more money for students in Rocky Hill and Wethersfield, and \$300 million to fund the childcare trust fund. We devoted hundreds of millions of dollars to new development projects, and we approved comprehensive energy legislation to reduce electric bills.

"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

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

Enjoy,





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Cleaning up Main Street with local shop keepers

## **OUR SINGLE-GREATEST INVESTMENT IN** SPECIAL EDUCATION

- Established a new Special Education Expansion and Development (SEED) grant program based on school needs to help build local capacity so more students can be served closer to home.
- Ensured our reimbursement grant for high-needs students is funded at its highest level in Connecticut history.
- Increased state funding for local capital improvements related to special education.

### **SUPPORTING** CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

#### **INVESTING IN CHILDCARE**

• We established the Early Childhood Education Endowment, starting with a down payment of nearly \$300 million.

#### FREE CHILDCARE

• By 2027, families earning up to \$100,000 will be able to receive childcare at no cost, while families earning more than \$100,000 will pay no more than 7% of their income for childcare.

## **IMPROVING PUBLIC** SAFETY

- We expanded our "Fallen Officer Fund" to cover the families of firefighters, EMT personnel, and paramedics who are killed in the line of duty so that they can receive cash benefits and health insurance coverage.
- Increased penalties for street racing and takeovers, including two-year license suspensions.
- Passed regulations for e-bikes

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- I host coffee hours monthly, join my email list to learn more!
- Follow me on Facebook!





# **FUNDING FOR** WETHERSFIELD AND **ROCKY HILL**

Representing the 29th district is a privilege, and when I work with my colleagues on the state budget it is always top of mind.

This year we secured:

**\$23.3 MILLION** 

for Education

# \$300 MILLION

for Special Education across the state

\$874K

In Road Aid for the 29th district

for Foundry development project

71.79%

Reimbursement rate towards renovation of Charles Wright Elementary



