

# BRINGING HOME LOCAL FUNDING FOR MANCHESTER & GLASTONBURY

- \$4.8 million for Materials Management Infrastructure Grant Program
- \$3.2 million for Charter Oak Park expansion in Manchester
- \$2.3 million for a new main branch library in Manchester
- Increase of \$5.6 million for Manchester schools
- Increase of \$1.1 million for Glastonbury schools
- \$44,172 for Water Chestnut Management in Glastonbury
- \$300,000 for Manchester park improvements



Dear Neighbor,

The 2025 legislative session was a session of big ideas, bipartisan work, compromise, and solutions.

Connecticut is so different from Washington. Instead of drawing lines in the sand, we collaborate and have conversations with our legislative colleagues – and that can be seen in the work we do.

We focused on important issues in 2025: electric bills, a state budget, special education, early childhood and climate change all received our laser focus.

I am also proud to continue to serve as co-chair of the legislature’s Banking Committee, where we had a very productive session. Some information about legislation that originated in our committee and passed into law is included here as well.

I remain filled with deep gratitude and pride to be your state representative.

All my best,



# NEW LAWS IN CT: A YEAR IN REVIEW

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## CAPITOL UPDATE 2025



### 2025 BANKING COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

- Established the “Homes for CT” loan program to provide low-cost financing to homebuilders to incentivize production of new housing. (PA 25-174)
- Established a 1st time homebuyer savings account and tax deduction. (PA 25-49)
- Provided additional protections against cryptocurrency fraud by helping police recover assets for victims. (PA 25-41)
- Added new consumer protections for virtual currency transactions, money sharing apps, and short-term small loan products. (PA 25-66, PA 25-155)
- Helped community banks and credit unions to modernize and cut regulatory red tape. (PA 25-11, PA 25-37)
- Protected homeowners from so-called “zombie mortgages.” (PA 25-46)

### A BALANCED BUDGET AND OUR SECOND-LARGEST SURPLUS IN STATE HISTORY

#### THANKS TO SOUND BUDGETING IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE WE:

- Delivered Single Greatest Investment in Early Childhood Education in Connecticut’s History
- Made Historic Investments in Special Education with More Allocated for Manchester and Glastonbury

#### 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



## MAJOR INITIATIVES AFFECTING MANCHESTER & GLASTONBURY

### SUPPORTING OUR KIDS & STUDENTS

- We established the Early Childhood Education Endowment starting with a down payment of nearly \$300 million. (PA 25-174)
  - 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. (PA 25-174)
- We also 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. (PA 25-67)
- Ensured our reimbursement grant for high-needs students is funded at its highest level in Connecticut history. (PA 25-174)

### CUTTING YOUR ELECTRIC BILL

- Our comprehensive reforms deliver **\$780 million in savings** over the next few years.
  - We moved programmatic charges out of your bill and created better oversight of new charges. (PA 25-173)
  - Capped infrastructure programs that utility companies make us pay for while they profit off the interest. (PA 25-173)
  - Used state financing to pay down COVID-era back payments and storm-related costs, which would otherwise be passed onto ratepayers. (PA 25-173)

### PROTECTING OUR CONSUMERS

- Took steps toward meaningfully lowering the cost of prescription drugs by capping cost increases and requiring rebates to be passed along to consumers. (PA 25-167)
- Forced social media companies to have policies on cyberbullying, stopped ads targeting minors online, and banned the sale of your sensitive data without your consent. (PA 25-113)
- Capped all qualified broadband internet access service providers at \$40 per month all in pricing. (PA 25-113)

### HONORING OUR VETERANS

- We excluded veterans’ pension & disability benefits from income calculations for HUSKY A & D, Medicaid, Medicare Savings, CEAP, & public defender eligibility—expanding legal access for veterans with mental health conditions. (PA 25-95)
- We provided no-cost driver’s license renewals for veterans, & required the DMV to issue vouchers for veterans whose licenses are close to their expiration date. (PA 25-15)
- Improved access to capital & job creation among our veterans by prioritizing disabled veteran entrepreneurs in the Small Business Express loan program. (PA 25-95)