



CAPITOL UPDATE 2023

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It remains a privilege and honor to serve as your state representative. The 2023 legislative session is in the rearview mirror, and I wanted to take a moment to check in and share some highlights from the past several months. We worked hard to deliver a budget that adheres to our fiscal guardrails while providing hundreds of millions in additional funding to our local schools, colleges and universities, and services for our most vulnerable residents. As part of some targeted income tax cuts, families of four who make under \$50,000 annually will pay no state income taxes. This is another important step in making CT affordable for everyone. We accomplished all of this together. I'd love to hear from you if you would like more details or have any questions on the initiatives addressed in this legislative update.

Sincerely,



NEW LAWS FOR 2023-24

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ELIMINATED EVEN MORE TAXES ON RETIREMENT

- Current law exempts 100% of pension and annuity income from the state's income tax, and we are halfway to phasing out 100% of IRA income for those making \$75,000 or less annually (\$100,000 for joint filers).
- We extended these exemptions to taxpayers making up to \$100,000 (\$150,000 for joint filers) by phasing-out the deduction between 2.5% and 100%, depending on your income.

IMPROVED OUR JUSTICE SYSTEM

Invests in gun violence prevention:

- \$7.8 million for public health-centered programs.
- \$9.5 million for the Project Longevity gun violence reduction program.
- \$5 million for housing vouchers for populations at risk of gun violence.

Invests in prevention and services for system-involved youth:

- \$12 million for juvenile review boards to assess at-risk youth and connect them to services.
- \$10.9 million for youth violence intervention programming.
- \$14.6 million for prevention programs for at-risk youth.

OUR BIPARTISAN BUDGET INCLUDES THE

LARGEST TAX CUT IN STATE HISTORY

- ✓ **\$600 million middle class tax cut**
- ✓ Increased **Earned Income Tax Credit** for lower income workers
- ✓ Expanded income tax cuts on retirement income to **benefit seniors**

INVESTS:

- ✓ More funding for K-12 education
- ✓ More funding for higher education
- ✓ More funding for nonprofits
- ✓ More funding for childcare
- ✓ **MORE FUNDING FOR HAMDEN**



NEW FUNDING IN HAMDEN

- **\$5.4 million** in Community Investment Funds, beginning with the demolition of the former Hamden Middle School. The new facility will provide numerous art, historic, and educational services, as well as serve as a hub for economic development that will bring a meaningful transformation for this area.
- **\$2 million** in State Bond Funding for Sleeping Giant State Park. This Planning and Redevelopment grant will be used to make further repairs and improvements to the main parking area that was heavily damaged in the 2018 storm. Projects will include trailhead improvements, bathroom facilities, roadway work, replacement tree planting, and other park amenities.



ENACTED EARLY VOTING & NEW VOTER LAWS

- Providing voting opportunities 14 days before Election Day for general elections, seven days before most primaries, and four days before special elections and the Presidential primary.

NEW VOTER LAWS

- Approved a resolution that will ask voters in the Nov. 2024 election if we should have no excuse absentee ballots.
- Adopted anti-discrimination laws around voting.