

Dear Neighbor,

The 2026 legislative session focused on protecting Connecticut from the wildly chaotic economy being whiplashed daily by the Trump Administration, as well as other big issues like elections, standing up for working families, funding our schools, and the state budget.

We made historic investments in police, fire, EMS, veterans, teachers, and health care workers. Voters demanded better access to absentee ballots, and we ensured their voices were heard. We know that property taxes are too high, so we made sure every city and town received more state funding with the direction to lower mill rates if possible.

It was a three-month legislative session, and we had mountains to move. This newsletter has more details about the legislation we passed and key policy initiatives from the 2026 session.

Enjoy,



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PROTECTING YOUR LIFE AND LIBERTY

- Allowed residents to sue ICE agents when their constitutional rights are violated
- Empowered our attorney general and inspector general to intervene on behalf of our residents
- Created a statewide ban on federal agents wearing masks
- Banned federal troops from coming to Connecticut against our wishes
- Strengthened minimum training standards of police
- Stopped local police from hiring ICE agents who lost their jobs because of misconduct
- Protected traffic camera data from being used for immigration enforcement



FUNDING FOR HAMDEN

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

This year we secured:

\$2,283,826
for Education

\$250,000
for Warming Shelters

\$10,000,000
in Funding for the City of Hamden

YOUR DATA = YOUR RIGHTS

- Expanded consumer rights to delete your data
- Prohibited companies from selling your precise geolocation data
- Strengthened protections around facial recognition technology
- Stopped commercials on streaming platforms from being louder than the program you're watching
- Regulated companies that buy and sell your data and created financial penalties for abuse

GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION

- Banned convertible pistols – firearms that can be modified to work just like an automatic machine gun, often using a simple household item like a screwdriver
- Made it easier to surrender firearms to local police (existing law only applies to assault weapons)

