

Dear Neighbor,

The 2026 legislative session featured big issues including lowering energy bills, improving childcare, supporting special education, and tackling the state budget.

Our budget provides a \$250 check to working families under EITC guidelines and allocates \$320 million to a fund that will provide some no-cost early childhood education opportunities. We devoted hundreds of millions of dollars to special education, and we approved comprehensive energy legislation to reduce electric bills for businesses and families.

“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,



- VOTED YES to increase municipal and education aid for Bridgeport
- VOTED YES for electric bill relief
- VOTED YES for investments in schools and working families
- VOTED YES for public safety and first responder support



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STATE REPRESENTATIVE FRED GEE JR. CAPITOL UPDATE 2026

BIG WINS FOR CONNECTICUT

- Invested over \$190 million in public education for the 2026-2027 school year
- The budget allows us to prepay an additional \$1.1 billion in pension liability
- Allocated \$320 million for Connecticut’s Early Childhood Education Endowment



DELIVERED MORE THAN \$25 MILLION FOR BRIDGEPORT

Provided additional city and education support to help stabilize local finances and schools



SUPPORTED SCHOOL & STUDENT INVESTMENT

Advocated alongside the Bridgeport delegation for increased education funding and stronger support for local schools



ENSURED LOWER ENERGY COSTS & HELP FOR RESIDENTS

Supported legislation aimed at electric bill relief and targeted support for residents at Success Village



MADE CONNECTICUT MORE AFFORDABLE FOR WORKING FAMILIES

Delivered on our promise to support early childhood education by investing \$320 million in the Early Childhood Education Endowment



INVESTED IN THE GROWTH OF BUSINESSES

Strengthened our small business economy by expanding support for entrepreneurs, prioritizing first-time and low-income business owners, launching free AI workforce training, and reducing barriers for skilled professionals to work in our state



CT HOUSE DEMOCRATS FINALIZE RESPONSIBLE BIPARTISAN BUDGET

THANKS TO SOUND BUDGETING AND THE LEADERSHIP OF DEMOCRATS IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE WE:

- Made historic investments in education and town aid

WE DELIVERED TARGETED, MEANINGFUL RELIEF AND LONG-TERM SUPPORT FOR WORKING FAMILIES THROUGH FAIRER TAX POLICIES:

- Expanded sales tax-free week to include clothing, shoes and backpacks under \$300
- Made basic school supplies tax-free, including backpacks, lunchboxes, notebooks, pens, pencils, crayons, rulers and paper
- Created a family caregiver tax credit for residents caring for a loved one
- Invested in our workforce and residents



PROTECTING VULNERABLE CHILDREN

- Prioritized placing children with family members and responsible adults who are already in their lives
- Ensured follow-up with sister-agencies when foster children move out of state
- Directed DCF to listen to other involved children when there’s an open investigation
- Provided robust resources for parents and our DCF workforce