

TAKING CARE OF OUR MOST VULNERABLE

DISCONNECTED YOUTH

- Spearheaded statewide data intermediary for disconnected youth, promoting nonprofit collaboration; prioritized empowering initiatives for disconnected youth, bridging education and employment gaps.
- Adjusted the Education Cost Sharing grant formula to increase funding for Bridgeport from \$192 million in Fiscal Year 2024 to \$201 million for Fiscal Year 2025.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE

- Entrusted Early Childhood Office with Early Start CT, ensuring access to quality care and education; enhanced support for educators via a one-time wage supplement, valuing their role in children's development.



Dear neighbor,

The 2024 legislative session is in the books and I am proud of what we accomplished.

We focused on big issues in 2024: elder care, protecting health care workers, childcare, early childhood nutrition, climate change, paid time off - and we had to protect the largest and second largest tax cuts in state history.

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

All my best,



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A YEAR IN REVIEW

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CAPITOL UPDATE 2024



BIG WINS FOR BRIDGEPORT

- Providing Quality Care for Seniors
- Maintaining Historic Tax Cuts
- Making Childcare More Affordable and Accessible
- Maintaining CT's Future Fiscal Integrity



OUR BIPARTISAN BUDGET INCLUDES PROTECTING TAX CUTS

WE PASSED A BIPARTISAN BIENNIUM BUDGET THAT INCLUDES HISTORIC TAX CUTS AND INVESTMENTS FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

- LARGEST INCOME TAX CUT in state history
- Biggest investment in public education ever
- New supports for the IDD community
- Expansion of debt free community college
- Protected safety net programs

THIS SESSION WE PROTECTED THESE TAX CUTS AND INVESTED MILLIONS OF FEDERAL FUNDS IN:

- Higher Education - \$160 million with a path to grow to \$200 million
- Early Childcare - \$21.8 million
- Mental Health - \$24 million
- Nonprofits - \$50 million



MAJOR INITIATIVES AFFECTING BRIDGEPORT

IMPROVING EDUCATION

PLEDGE TO ADVANCE CT (PACT) PROGRAM

- Expanded eligibility for the PACT program to transition program students, ensuring access to a debt-free community college education.
- Increased minimum awards for full-time and part-time students under the PACT program, easing financial burdens and promoting educational attainment.

DEVELOPING OUR COMMUNITY

CONCERNING POVERTY PILOT PROGRAM

- Initiated a pilot program to reduce concentrated poverty levels in designated census tracts, fostering economic development.
- Provided incentives for hiring individuals residing in concentrated poverty areas, promoting employment opportunities and economic mobility.

MAKING CT SENIORS A PRIORITY

NURSING HOME QUALITY OF CARE

- Created the Center of Excellence Program to improve the quality of care in nursing homes, promoting person-centered, evidence-based practices.
- Implemented regulations to improve living conditions in nursing homes, including restrictions on room occupancy and disciplinary measures for non-compliance.

ENSURING CRIMINAL JUSTICE

WRONGFUL INCARCERATION COMPENSATION

- Expanded eligibility for wrongful incarceration compensation, ensuring justice for those wrongfully convicted.
- Recalculated awards based on median household income, ensuring fair compensation; Enabled deceased claimants' estates to receive compensation, acknowledging the impact of wrongful incarceration on families.