



Dear Neighbor,

The 2025 legislative session featured big issues like lowering energy bills, childcare, special education and the state budget – and we tackled them all.

Our budget provides a \$250 check for working families under EITC guidelines and \$300 million to fund the childcare trust fund. We devoted hundreds-of-millions of dollars to special education and 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

We did it responsibly. This newsletter has more details about the 2025 legislative session.

All my best,

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TACKLING ELECTRIC COSTS

Comprehensive electric bill reforms deliver \$780 million in savings over the next few years, taking programmatic charges out of your bill and creating better oversight of new charges. This means:

- Lower bills
- A smarter grid
- A stronger future for Connecticut

SUPPORTING OUR KIDS AND STUDENTS

- We rejected attempts to cut education funding - ensuring no school district receive less from the state than the year before.
- We established the Early Childhood Education Endowment - an investable trust fund that will create universal access to childcare and create more incentives for childcare providers.
- 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.
- We created an online portal to help parents navigate affordable childcare and educational opportunities closer to home.
- We authorized \$80 million to help childcare providers expand and upgrade their facilities.

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

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

- Delivered Single Greatest Investment in Children in Connecticut's History
- Provided Medicaid increases for providers and increased funding for Federally Qualified Health Centers for the first time in years
- Provided cost of living increases to community nonprofit providers
- Supported rate increases for other medical providers who have been chronically underpaid according to our recent rate study

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

- Established a \$250 Tax Credit for Working Families
- Supported Childcare Providers
- Helped Families Save For College
- Made Corporate Taxes Fairer and More Equitable



CARING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

- Tackled climate change by setting new state goals for greenhouse gas reduction, supporting clean energy jobs through tax incentives, and encouraging nature-based solutions.
- Supported our local farmers, creating a refundable tax credit on investments in farm equipment and infrastructure and more than doubling the local property tax exemption on farm machinery.
- Created a grant program to fund agricultural land preservation.
- Banned fertilizers that contain PFAs and regulated the use of rodenticides.
- Expanded our ban on sales of invasive species to include reed canary grass, winged euonymus, black locust, and Japanese barberry.
- Established an extended producer responsibility program around the collection and recycling of batteries which will reduce soil and water contamination, minimize landfill waste, and prevent batteries from exploding in waste management facilities.



PRIORITIZING YOUR HEALTH AND SAFETY

- Cracked down on insurance carriers to ensure better parity between mental and physical health coverage.
- Created more ways for the state to reduce premium hikes.
- Ensured victims of incest and sexual assault have access to health care and birth control.
- Prohibited individual health care providers from denying care based on their individual beliefs.
- Strengthened our gun safety laws by ensuring gun manufacturers take reasonable steps to curb illegal activity, regulating gun industry ads that promote illegal sales, and including out-of-state convictions as grounds for permit denial.