

Dear Neighbor,

It is a privilege and honor to serve as your state representative. The 2024 legislative session is over, and I wanted to share some highlights from the past several months.

Some of my goals when we started the 2024 session were to keep Connecticut on strong economic footing, to continue to support our workforce, and to keep investing in early childhood education programs and I'm pleased that we had some great wins!

I'd love to hear from you. If you have any questions or concerns that you would like to share, please do not hesitate to contact me. I remain filled with deep gratitude and pride to be your state representative.

Sincerely,

Rachel Khanna



THE HOUSE TOOK UP MAJOR POLICY INITIATIVES THIS SESSION SUCH AS:

- Fiscal Stabilization
- Protecting Health Care Workers
- Generational Elder Care Reform
- Childcare and Early Childhood Education
- Childhood Nutrition
- Property Tax Exemption for Disabled Veterans



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SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

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



ADVOCATING FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS

- Established the Education Mandate Review Advisory Council to review proposed and existing mandates on local boards of education
- Capped the amount of money all districts pay to send kids out of district – saving millions of dollars for local schools
- Required the State Department of Education to provide school districts with an estimate of their next year's funding by the end of the current year, to ensure better budgeting

GROWING OUR WORKFORCE

- Cut certification red tape to make licensing faster enabling teachers to teach more subjects across more grades
- Expanded eligibility in the fast-track certification program
- Made it easier for out-of-state nurses and social workers to move to and practice in CT

SUPPORTING OUR FIRST RESPONDERS

- Improved the eligibility process for getting benefits to the families of first responders who died in the line of duty
- Established a Fallen Officer Fund to provide families of police officers who died in the line of duty with cash assistance and health care coverage

MAKING SENIORS A PRIORITY

- Created an incentive-based program to improve nursing home care in CT and strengthened oversight of negligent nursing homes
- Expedited Medicaid coverage for home-based care as an alternative to more costly nursing home care
- Required nursing home and retirement communities to provide at least 60-90 days notice of any fee increases and improved transparency around fees

PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

- Banned numerous products containing dangerous PFAS chemicals
- Increased hydropower going to our power grid and extended offshore wind procurement
- Expedited permitting for solar canopies and lifted caps on new solar production



OUR BIPARTISAN BUDGET INCLUDES

PROTECTING TAX CUTS

IN 2023 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 Intellectually and Developmentally Disabled** 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

FUNDS SECURED FOR GREENWICH & STAMFORD

- Pedestrian and traffic safety improvement projects: \$9,500,000
- Municipal improvement projects: \$3,500,000
- Supporting our public libraries: \$800,000
- School reconstruction projects: \$20,000,000
- Supporting our nonprofits helping our most vulnerable residents: \$500,000



Celebrating the reconstruction of the bridge at Camp Seton, thanks to state funds the Greenwich House delegation secured.