

HOUSING

- Extended funding for the Right to Counsel in evictions, using Federal funding from the American Rescue Plan. We extended funding for a Right to Counsel program that provides low income tenants facing evictions with attorneys and legal representation in their case. This program has significantly reduced the number of evictions, keeping people off the streets and in stable housing conditions.
- Required 45- day notice of rent increases (PA 24-143)



Dear Neighbor,

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

My goal for the session was to ensure we invested in our priorities while preserving tax cuts for families and seniors.

By passing our fiscal stabilization plan we protected the largest and second largest tax cuts in state history and ensured more retirement income would be tax-exempt. We also filled our priority buckets by increasing funding for higher education, early childhood, mental health, and nonprofits.

This newsletter has more details.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Michel".



NEW LAWS IN CT: A YEAR IN REVIEW

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CAPITOL UPDATE 2024

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CAPITOL UPDATE 2024



BIG WINS FOR STAMFORD

- Largest and second largest tax cuts in CT history
- Cut more taxes on retirement income
- Historic funding for schools
- Expanded Paid Sick Days to all by 2027
- CT a beacon for reproductive healthcare
- Modern voting system with early voting
- Invest in growing healthcare workforce

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 STAMFORD

ENVIRONMENT

- Banned numerous products containing dangerous PFAS chemicals (PA 24-59)
- Expedited permitting for solar canopies and lifted caps on new solar production (PA 24-31)
- Increased hydropower going to our power grid and extended offshore wind procurement (PA 24-38)

CT'S HEALTH AND WELLNESS

- Cut red tape for operating plasma donation centers (PA 24-7)
- Moved more Department of Public Health licenses online (PA 24-68)
- Allowed telehealth to continue for in-state and out-of-state residents without letting the practice sunset (PA 24-110)

CT'S HEALTH AND WELLNESS

- Made it easier for people on copay-only health plans to access body scans and physical and occupational therapy (PA 24-81)
- Covered victims of sexual assault under the state's Paid Family Medical Leave program (PA 24-5)
- Approved comprehensive capital improvement plan at UConn Health (PA 24-151)

CT'S HEALTH AND WELLNESS

- Ensured doctors' offices that are group practices have more accessible equipment to assist those with physical disabilities (PA 24-113)
- Allowed for toxicology reports on patients who are treated for opioid overdoses (PA 24-120)