



It remains an honor and privilege to serve as your state representative. The 2023 legislative session is in the rearview mirror, and I wanted to take a moment to check in and share some highlights from the past several months.

We worked hard to deliver a bipartisan budget that adheres to our fiscal guardrails while still providing hundreds of millions in more funding to our local schools, colleges and universities, and services for our most vulnerable residents. As part of our bipartisan budget we passed an historic income tax cut for working class families and seniors. Families of four who make under \$50,000 annually will pay no state income taxes. This is another important step in making CT affordable for everyone.

We did it by working together – without the infighting you see in Washington!

I'd love to hear from you if you would like more details or have any questions on the initiatives addressed in this legislative update.

Sincerely,



NEW LAWS IN CT: A YEAR IN REVIEW

FROM STATE REPRESENTATIVE RON NAPOLI JR

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MAJOR POLICY IMPROVEMENTS

- Additional \$5.5 million in Supplemental Revenue Sharing Grant for Waterbury
- Additional \$6.4 million to maintain the capped mill rate for lower motor vehicle taxes for our residents and small businesses in Waterbury
- Another \$2.2 million for capital improvements for Waterbury
- Secured \$10,000 in grants for Yeshiva K'tana
- Secured \$10,000 for Waterbury's Granville Academy

IMPROVING PUBLIC SAFETY

- Increased wrong-way driving countermeasures
- Worked with a group of bipartisan legislators to create multi-state taskforce to combat catalytic converter theft
- Worked with the Waterbury Police Department (WPD) to establish a Red Traffic Light Camera program in Waterbury
- Helped facilitate a \$1 million public safety grant for the WPD
- We expanded the use of GPS monitoring devices for domestic violence offenders
- Made necessary improvements for data collection of crimes involving firearms so more severe penalties can be imposed
- Supported legislation led by Mayor O'Leary and a coalition of local leaders to increase bail and penalties on repeat gun offenders. Also, the law creates dedicated court docket to speed up the prosecution of firearm offenses
- As the Bond Chairman, I secured \$600,000 for the YMCA to expand and merge with Waterbury Youth Services so meaningful interventions can be provided to our youth

HOUSE CHAIR OF BONDING COMMITTEE

- The three most important financial committees in Hartford are Appropriations, Finance, and Bonding. As Bonding Chairman, I worked closely with the governor and legislative leaders in a bipartisan manner to authorize capitol funding for various improvements across the state
- Secured \$30 million to expand nursing program at UConn Waterbury Campus that would support our two local hospitals
- Secured \$600,000 to expand the Waterbury YMCA
- Secured \$500,000 to develop blighted properties
- Secured \$10 million more for CSCU and our local community colleges (NVCC)

SUPPORTING OUR CITY

- Cut business taxes to promote expansion of childcare facilities
- Expanded debt-free community college program to NVCC
- Invested millions in housing development
- Eliminated more taxes on retirement funds
- Paying off state debt to help make our state more affordable
- Increased PILOT funding to make sure Waterbury is getting what they need from the state
- Secured funding for a new Urgent Care Facility for Children in Waterbury

OUR BIPARTISAN BUDGET INCLUDES

HISTORIC TAX CUTS

A STATE BUDGET FOCUSED ON:



CUTTING YOUR TAXES

Our budget includes the **largest Personal Income Tax cut in CT history** by cutting marginal income tax rates, increasing the Earned Income Tax Credit, capping mill rates on motor vehicles, and eliminating even more retirement income taxes.



INDUSTRY GROWTH

Our budget **supports CT's growing industries** such as childcare, women owned business, aerospace, manufacturing, encouraging start-ups, and theater production.



INVESTING IN STUDENTS

Our budget **invests over \$240 million in public education** by stabilizing our state colleges and universities, expanding debt-free community college, increasing funding to our schools and local Boards of Education, increased scholarships, and student debt relief programs.



SAFETY NET SERVICES

Our budget expands Temporary Family Assistance, increases Husky C eligibility, provides funds to community action agencies for residents facing immediate economic hardship, supports the 9-8-8 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, and increases Medicaid rate reimbursements for providers and specialists.



IDD SUPPORTS

Our budget **invests over \$30 million to better serve Intellectually or Developmentally Disabled individuals** by reducing agency waiting lists for services, bolstering employment opportunities, increasing Husky C eligibility, and breaking down barriers for better coordination and data collection.