



Dear Neighbor,

The 2025 legislative session featured important issues like bringing more state funding to Waterbury, childcare, special education, and the state budget – and we tackled them all.

Our budget established a refundable \$250 Earned Income Tax Credit for working families and \$300 million to fund the childcare trust fund. We devoted hundreds of millions of dollars to special education, and we approved comprehensive energy legislation that has taken steps to reduce utility costs 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.

Warmest Regards,

Ron Napoli

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BIG WINS FOR WATERBURY

- \$10.8 Million for Waterbury Board of Education
- \$5 Million in additional PILOT funding for Waterbury
- \$5,000 for Yeshiva Katana of Waterbury
- \$250 Tax Credit for Working Families

SUPPORTING OUR KIDS AND STUDENTS

- Established the Early Childhood Education Endowment - an investable trust fund that will create universal access to childcare - starting with a down payment of nearly \$300 million.
- Created a fee-waiver grant program to cover the cost of high-need students taking AP and dual enrollment classes.
- Funded a matching grant to help school districts provide students with high-dosage tutoring.
- We created the new “finish line” scholarship program to help students attending free community college finish their bachelor’s degree.

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

THANKS TO THE SOUND BUDGETING OF GOVERNOR NED LAMONT AND STATE LEGISLATORS IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WE:

- Delivered Single Greatest Investment in Children in Connecticut’s History
- Made Historic Investments in Special Education
- Delivered Some of The Largest Surpluses in State History

AS BONDING CHAIRMAN, RON SECURED BIG WINS FOR WATERBURY:

- \$7.5 Million for Kinney Hall Renovations at NVCC
- \$4 Million for the West Main Street Upgrades
- \$3.5 Million to Renovate our Waterbury Train Station
- \$1 Million McCall Health Center on West Main Street



HONORING OUR VETERANS

- Excluded veterans’ pension benefits from income eligibility determinations under HUSKY A & D, Medicaid, Medicare Savings Program, and CEAP. Additionally, we exempted service-connected disability compensation from income calculations for public defender eligibility - expanding access to legal defense for veterans with mental health conditions.
- Improved access to capital and job creation among our veterans by prioritizing disabled veteran entrepreneurs in the Small Business Express loan program.
- We provided no-cost driver’s license renewals for veterans, and required the DMV to issue vouchers for veterans whose licenses are close to their expiration date.
- We increased staffing in the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Advocacy and Assistance, addressing backlogs, improving assistance with benefits claims, and initiating a study of “benefits claim sharks” to examine the prevalence of contracts that exploit veterans seeking assistance with benefits.



MAKING OUR COMMUNITIES SAFER

- Made it easier for the state to seize cryptocurrency when offenders commit cybercrimes.
- Increased the penalties for reckless driving or failing to yield to a pedestrian.
- Increased penalties for street racing and takeovers, including two-year license suspensions.
- We expanded our “Fallen Officer Fund” to cover the family of firefighters, EMT personnel, and paramedics who are killed in the line of duty so they can receive cash benefits and health insurance coverage.