

Dear Neighbor,

I am thrilled to share a landmark achievement for our community: UConn Health has acquired Waterbury Hospital – right here in our district.

As House Bonding Chairman, I worked directly with Governor Ned Lamont, House Speaker Matt Ritter, and UConn Health officials to make this a reality. The result was a bipartisan piece of legislation that passed with broad support and turned what many thought was a long shot into a done deal.

This is a transformational moment for Waterbury. UConn Health brings with it world-class medical expertise, expanded services, and a commitment to the residents of our city. No longer will our neighbors have to travel far for top-tier care – it will be right here, in the heart of our community.

This is what happens when Waterbury has a seat at the table. I am proud to have fought for this win and even prouder to represent a district where it will make an immediate, lasting difference.

The pages that follow highlight additional accomplishments from the 2026 legislative session. It is an honor to serve you in state government.



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WATERBURY HOSPITAL IS NOW A PART OF UCONN HEALTH

- Secured an investment of \$250 million over the next 5 years into Waterbury hospital and its affiliates
- Will bring additional medical and research specialists to Waterbury
- Opens entire UConn Health network to current and future patients
- Protects local jobs and access to high quality healthcare



AS THE HOUSE CHAIR OF THE BONDING COMMITTEE, I'VE SECURED:

- \$7.4 million for the Waterbury Housing Authority for the development of the West Grove Street affordable housing project
- \$7 million for Kinny Hall design at NVCC Community College
- \$5 million to expand the Community Health Center of Waterbury
- \$5 million for the Waterbury Land Bank Authority
- \$4 million to clean up the former Anamet site
- \$3 million for Waterbury Promise Student Scholars
- \$1 million for CT Renaissance's purchase of the McAuliffe Center to expand mental health services

BIG WINS FOR WATERBURY

Representing Waterbury is a privilege and when I work with my colleagues on the state budget, it is always top of mind.

This year we passed an additional:

\$15 MILLION

for Waterbury's Public Schools

\$6.5 MILLION

in aid for the City of Waterbury

9% INCREASE

in total state funding for Waterbury compared to 2025



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

- Expanded sales tax-free week to include clothing, shoes, and backpacks under \$300
- Expanded Child Care Access – Supported state bonding investments to expand and improve childcare facilities, helping more families access safe, affordable, and high-quality early childhood education
- Created a family caregiver tax credit for residents caring for a loved one



TAKING PUBLIC SAFETY SERIOUSLY

- Protected our seniors and increased penalties for gift card scams
- Strengthened recruitment and retention efforts for police, fire, and EMS personnel
- Suspended licenses for people who continue to illegally pass school buses
- Stronger penalties for driving offenses in work zones