

# STATE BUDGET (PA 24-81)

We did not adjust the enacted state budget *in order to preserve the services and programs that we agreed to* last year including:

- The Largest Income Tax Cut in state history
- Investments in Public Education
- New Supports for the IDD community
- Expansion of debt free community college
- Various safety net programs



Dear neighbor,

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

Enjoy,

*K. Belton*



## NEW LAWS IN CT: A YEAR IN REVIEW

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# STATE REPRESENTATIVE KAI BELTON

## CAPITOL UPDATE 2024



### BIG WINS FOR MIDDLETOWN

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

### 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 MIDDLETOWN

### MAKING CT SENIORS A PRIORITY

- Expedited Medicaid coverage for home-based care as an alternative to more costly nursing home care (PA 24-39)
- Required home care workers to wear photo-ID badges (PA 24-29)
- Required health insurance coverage for detecting coronary artery disease (PA 24-141)

### SUPPORTING LOCAL SCHOOLS

- Required same day parental notification when a child hurts themselves or others (PA 24-93)
- Capped the amount of money all districts pay to send kids out of district - saving millions of dollars for local schools (PA 24-81)
- Provided help to classroom paraeducators to pay for their health insurance (PA 24-81)

### CT'S HEALTH AND WELLNESS

- Made it easier for people on co-pay 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 and Medical Leave program (24-5)
- Allowed telehealth to continue for in-state and out-of-state residents without letting the practice sunset (PA 24-110)

### SUPPORTING AND HONORING VETERANS

- Exempted permanently and totally disabled veterans from paying property taxes (PA 24-46)
- Expanded eligibility for grants from the Military Relief Fund for families experiencing hardship (PA 24-57)
- Made it easier for veterans to earn a Q license endorsement to join fire departments (PA 24-14)