



It remains a privilege and honor 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 budget that adheres to our fiscal guardrails while still providing hundreds of millions in more funding to our local schools, towns, and universities, and services for our most vulnerable residents. As part of our historic tax cut package, **the income tax in Connecticut was reduced for the first time since its enactment over 30 years ago** and additional taxes were eliminated or reduced on retirement income. This is another important step in making Connecticut affordable for everyone.

We did it by working together- without the fighting 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,

State Representative Pat Boyd

BIG WINS FOR DISTRICT 50

- Largest and second largest tax cuts in CT history
- Cut more taxes on retirement income
- Historic funding for schools
- Massive deposit into Rainy Day Fund
- Sensible/sustainable budget
- Modern voting system with early voting
- Invest in growing healthcare workforce



NEW LAWS FOR 2023-24

FROM STATE REPRESENTATIVE PAT BOYD

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OUR BIPARTISAN BUDGET INCLUDES THE

LARGEST TAX CUT IN STATE HISTORY

- ✔ \$600 million middle class tax cut
- ✔ Increase **Earned Income Tax Credit** for lower income workers
- ✔ Expand cuts to retirement savings to **benefit seniors**

INVESTS:

- ✔ More funding for K-12 education
- ✔ More funding for higher education
- ✔ More funding for nonprofits
- ✔ More funding for childcare
- ✔ **MORE FUNDING FOR OUR TOWNS**

SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESSES

- Required full disclosure of hidden fees on small business loans, ensured access to judicial hearings in a dispute and required any loan offers to be good for at least three days
- Cut the number of reporting requirements for businesses
- Allowed existing cigar bars and clubs in our larger cities to serve alcohol
- Permanently allowed restaurants to sell alcohol for off-site consumption
- Supported CT farm wineries by allowing them to open up to three retail locations
- Cut business taxes to promote expansion of childcare facilities
- Made it easier for small contractors to bid on state projects
- Expanded JobsCT to increase employment and job creation in our state

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BILLS WE PASSED

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MAKING CONNECTICUT SAFER

- Protected consumer health data by restricting its access and sale and banned targeted ads near mental health and reproductive health facilities
- Expanded GPS monitoring of domestic violence offenders
- Made it illegal for adults to solicit photos and videos from children online, even if they're not explicitly sexual
- Required bright orange labels on prescription opiates
- Required trained EMTs to carry and use EpiPens
- Modernized our blight laws and extended local enforcement to commercial properties
- Required driver's ed classes to cover driving under the influence of cannabis
- Expanded speed enforcement on rural roads
- Improved data collection on use of and compliance with police body and dashboard cameras
- Formed a special police task force to deal with abuse of children online



SERVING THOSE WHO SERVED

- Granted free graduate school tuition to eligible veterans and their families, as well as active members of the National Guard
- Expanded eligibility of state services to members of the Space Force
- Eased licensing requirements for childcare providers who serve military families
- Established funding and benefits for firefighters who are diagnosed with cancer

SUPPORTING SENIORS

- Established a new coordinator of state services for people with dementia
- Strengthened patients' involvement in their homemaker care plans and streamlined the process for filing complaints
- Expanded eligibility for seniors to participate in adult day services (serving those with early onset dementia)
- Expanded Medicaid coverage for services like primary healthcare, physical therapy, and meals
- Increased funding for elderly nutrition and Meals on Wheels
- Allowed banks to freeze transactions when they suspect a senior is being scammed
- Required homemaker companion companies to provide notice to their clients before they abruptly close and prohibited any increases in rates without at least 60-day notice

ELIMINATED EVEN MORE TAXES ON RETIREMENT

- Current law exempts 100% of pension and annuity income from the state's income tax, and we are halfway to phasing out 100% of IRA income for those making \$75,000 or less annually (\$100,000 for joint filers)
- We extended these exemptions to taxpayers making up to \$100,000 (\$150,000 for joint filers) by phasing out the deduction between 2.5% and 100%, depending on your income