

DELIVERING FOR THE 20TH DISTRICT

- Nearly \$8 million for Newington's John Wallace Middle School renovation
- \$1 million for West Hartford's Vision Zero projects to improve road safety
- \$300,000 for Newington Children's Theatre
- \$100,000 for West Hartford's extension of Tri-Point Greenway trail
- \$100,000 for Newington's Deming Young Farm Foundation
- \$30,000 for West Hartford Art League



Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your state representative. I wanted to share some highlights from the 2024 legislative session and what it means for you and our community.

We focused on big issues in 2024: elder care, protecting health care workers, childcare, early childhood nutrition, and paid sick days. We also protected the largest tax cut in state history passed into law last year.

We accomplish a lot in every legislative session, but there is a lot more we need to do. I'll continue to work together with you to build a future for our state where everyone can thrive. I welcome your questions, ideas and feedback on ways to improve our community and state. Also, please reach out anytime if I can be of assistance to you or your family.

Sincerely,

Kate



NEW LAWS IN CT: A YEAR IN REVIEW

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CAPITOL UPDATE 2024



BIG WINS FOR WEST HARTFORD AND NEWINGTON

- Protected largest tax cut in CT history
- Paid down generations of pension debt
- Expanded commitment to our higher education system
- Increased funding for nonprofits
- Improved access to high-quality, affordable early childcare
- Secured funding and support for new road safety projects in West Hartford and Newington

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 WEST HARTFORD AND NEWINGTON

ADVANCING EQUITY

- Supported working families by expanding paid sick days to most full and part-time workers
- Championed legislation to advance additional protections for sexual assault victims
- Invested in nonprofits that assist students with college and financial aid applications
- Established a new Bureau of Services for Persons who are Deaf, Deafblind, and Hard of Hearing

CREATING A MORE AFFORDABLE CT

- Led bipartisan legislation to make childcare more affordable and accessible
- Excluded medical debt from counting against your credit score
- Provided help to classroom paraeducators to pay for their health insurance
- Increased the value of state rental vouchers

IMPROVING QUALITY CARE FOR SENIORS

- Made it easier for seniors to age in place and increased community-based services
- Created a nursing home database to connect seniors with quality care
- Established oversight to prevent negligence and abuse and incentives to encourage nursing homes to improve care

STRENGTHENING TRANSPORTATION AND ROAD SAFETY

- Expanded roadway work zone speed camera program to reduce speeding
- Required all new bus stops to be modernized and ADA compliant
- Secured funding and support for new road safety projects in West Hartford and Newington