



Dear Neighbor,

The 2025 legislative session featured big issues like lowering energy bills, childcare, special education and the state budget – and we tackled them all.

Our budget provides a \$250 check to working families under EITC guidelines 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 to reduce electric bills 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.

Enjoy,

Nicholas Gauthier



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SUPPORTING KIDS AND STUDENTS

- Waterford and Montville school districts received a combined \$66,000 to eliminate the district's accumulated school meal debt.
- Ensured our reimbursement grant for high-needs students is funded at its highest level in Connecticut history (\$221 million annually in budget).

CUTTING YOUR ELECTRIC BILL NOT YOUR POWER (PA 25-173)

- Moved programmatic charges out of your bill and created better oversight of new charges.
- Capped infrastructure programs that utility companies make us pay for while they profit off the interest.
- Removed industry subsidies from our clean energy investments.
- Used state financing to pay down COVID-era back payments and storm-related costs, which would otherwise be passed onto ratepayers.

AN EQUITABLE APPROACH TO STATE TAXES (PA 25-168)

- We closed a major loophole for big multi-state corporations by ending a tax break that kept them, from paying their share of taxes, which gave them a competitive advantage over our local businesses.
- We protected small biotech companies by increasing refundable R&D credits for small biotech firms, supporting innovation while keeping the benefit targeted to those who need it the most.

FUNDING PROJECTS FOR THE 38TH DISTRICT

- \$1 million for Waterford Emergency Radio Tower upgrades.
- \$1.4 million to assist in the purchase of the 637-acre Bond Property, preserving more than 1-square-mile of forested woodland, fields, streams and ponds.
- \$250,000 for renovations and upgrades to the Montville VFW, Post 10060.
- \$200,000 for pavilion renovations and recreational field upgrades in Montville.
- \$175,000 for upgrades and paving of the Montville pickleball court parking lot.

EXPANDING FUNDING FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

- We committed \$20 million in bonding over the biennium to expand and upgrade special education facilities-ensuring that students with disabilities have the resources and environments they need to thrive.
- *Waterford and Montville combined are set to receive \$361,578 of this funding over the next 2 years.*



HELPING OUR WORKING-MIDDLE CLASS

- Allowed people to set up payments plans for unpaid traffic tickets. (PA 25-65 & PA 25-159)
- Took steps toward meaningfully lowering the cost of prescription drugs. (PA 25-167)
- Supported clean energy jobs and businesses. (PA 25-125)
- Took initial regulatory steps to import cheaper drugs from Canada. (PA 25-167)



SERVING ALL OF CONNECTICUT'S RESIDENTS

- Helped terminally ill young adults get off a Medicaid waitlist and navigate care through a different program. (PA 25-42)
- Expanded Medicaid coverage for sickle cell treatment. (PA 25-63)
- Ensured insurance coverage of biomarker testing to detect cancer early and improve treatment. (PA 25-16)
- Closed a loophole so that all employees at long-term care facilities undergo a background check. (PA 25-16)
- Provided free online college courses to our nursing home residents. (PA 25-16)
- Enabled more state support staff to administer EpiPen and insulin in the event of an emergency. (PA 25-79)
- Made it easier for family members to help manage assets. (PA 25-79)
- Strengthened our abuse and neglect registry. (PA 25-79)