

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,



2024 SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

This session, I worked hard advocating for our communities, including education, housing initiatives, and providing care for seniors.



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SENIORS

- Expedited Medicaid coverage for home-based care as an alternative to more costly nursing home care
- Created a new registry system to connect patients to home care providers and created a dashboard to help navigate nursing home options
- Required nursing homes and retirement communities to provide at least 60-90 days' notice of any fee increases and improved transparency around fees
- Required health insurance coverage for detecting coronary artery disease

COMMUNITY SAFETY & WELLNESS

- Protected the personal information of special victims like minors and victims of abuse from public disclosures
- Required more thorough testing of firearms in criminal investigations with the use of the federal ballistic database
- Covered victims of sexual assault under the state's Paid Family and Medical Leave program

CHILD AND FAMILY NUTRITION

- Improved coordination across state agencies and streamlined the process for residents to access nutrition programs
- Provided local markets with scanners that will make it easier for local vendors to accept nutrition vouchers

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**

HOUSING

- Incentivized towns to develop more multi-family housing
- Required 45-day notice of rent increases
- Streamlined the process for converting vacant nursing homes into housing
- Prioritized surplus state-owned land to be used for affordable housing
- Increased the value of state rental vouchers

EDUCATION

- Invested in nonprofits that assist students with college and financial aid applications
- Required CT colleges and universities to disclose to students any reductions in their financial aid when they are awarded a scholarship
- Modified the automatic admissions program so students will be automatically admitted to certain public and private universities based on GPA, not class rank

SUPPORTING LOCAL SCHOOLS

- Established the Education Mandate Review Advisory Council to review proposed and existing mandates on local boards of education
- Required the State Department of Education to provide school districts an estimate of their next year's funding by the end of the current year, to ensure better budgeting

