



Quinnipiac River Linear Trail

Dear friends,

It is a privilege and honor to serve as your state representative. The 2023 legislative session is now in the rearview mirror, and I wanted to take a moment to check in and share some highlights from the past several months.

I'm proud to have worked on a budget that delivers historic tax cuts and increases funding for students, families, and our most vulnerable residents, while paying down our long-term debt, including a billion dollars to reduce unfunded pension liability.

Most importantly, we did it by working together – without gimmicks or partisan politics. We prioritized education, supported non-profits, and invested in public safety 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 any of the initiatives addressed in this legislative update.

Sincerely,



NEW LAWS IN CT: A YEAR IN REVIEW

FROM STATE REPRESENTATIVE MARY MUSHINSKY

PRSRT STD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
HARTFORD, CT
Permit No. 3937

CAPITOL UPDATE 2023

Representative Mary Mushinsky
Legislative Office Building, Room 4012

NEW LAWS IN CONNECTICUT 2023

FROM STATE REPRESENTATIVE
MARY MUSHINSKY

PROUDLY SERVING WALLINGFORD



- 860-240-8585
- Mary.Mushinsky@cga.ct.gov
- housedems.ct.gov/Mushinsky
- facebook.com/RepMushinsky





ANIMAL SHELTERS

Municipal animal shelters are now required to have mechanical heating and cooling systems that can maintain temperatures between 55 and 80 degrees Fahrenheit, unless a state-licensed veterinarian requires other temperatures for medical reasons.

QUINNIPIAC RIVER LINEAR TRAIL

The legislature approved, and the State Bond Commission released, a \$690,000 grant-in-aid for a project to connect Fireworks Island to Route 150 (Main St., Yalesville). The bridge will allow pedestrians and bicyclists to use the linear trail right-of-way, cross the old mill canal, and link the trail to the street.

ABSOLVED THE INNOCENT

We absolved those accused and convicted of witchcraft in CT in the 1600s (HJ 34). Two Wallingford women were tried but they escaped execution by fleeing to New York.

SCOW

The new state budget includes two years of grant funding at \$150,000 per year for the Spanish Community of Wallingford. This targeted money replaces lost grants from the Department of Social Services and will allow SCOW to keep offering their health, education, and job services.

ARRAY RX PROGRAM IS NOW OPEN

I highly encourage you to take advantage of this free program that can save Connecticut residents up to 80% off certain prescriptions at nearly all pharmacies in the state. There's no cost, age restriction, or income restriction to join. To sign up, visit arrayrxcard.com.

Visit the ArrayRx website and enter your name, email address, birth date, home address, and zip code. After signing up, you will be emailed a digital discount card. The program is part of Public Act 23-171, An Act Protecting Patients and Prohibiting Unnecessary Health Care Costs, which I proudly supported.

For more information on ArrayRx, including a drug price lookup tool, visit arrayrxcard.com.



OUR BIPARTISAN BUDGET INCLUDES

HISTORIC TAX CUTS

A STATE BUDGET FOCUSING ON:



CUTTING YOUR TAXES

Our budget includes the **largest Personal Income Tax cut in CT history** by cutting marginal income tax rates, increasing the Earned Income Tax Credit, capping mill rates, and eliminating even more retirement income taxes.



INDUSTRY GROWTH

Our budget **supports CT's growing industries** such as childcare, manufacturing, and media, film, and theater production.



INVESTING IN OUR STUDENTS

Our budget **invests over \$240M in public education** by stabilizing our state colleges and universities, expanding debt-free community college, fully funding our schools and local boards of education, and increasing scholarships and student debt relief.



SAFETY NET SERVICES

Our budget expands Temporary Family Assistance, increases Husky C. eligibility, provides funds to community action agencies for residents facing immediate economic hardship, supports the 9-8-8 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, and increases Medicaid rate reimbursements for providers and specialists.



IDD SUPPORTS

Our budget **invests over \$30M to better serve Intellectually or Developmentally Disabled individuals** by addressing agency waiting lists for services, bolstering employment opportunities, increasing Husky C eligibility, and breaking down silos for better coordination and data collection.