

SESSION WRAP-UP

Dear Neighbor,

As the summer comes to a close, I wanted to reach out and let you know what a privilege and honor it is 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.

I'm proud to have worked on a budget that delivers historic tax cuts for working families while increasing funding for our community.

Most importantly, we delivered for New Britain by prioritizing education, supporting non-profits, seniors, small businesses, veterans and first responders.

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,



BIG WINS FOR NEW BRITAIN

- ✓ A \$3.6 million increase in education funding
- ✓ An additional \$250K for non-profits
- ✓ Maintained capped car tax, saving New Britain residents \$2.1 million
- ✓ \$1.7 million to support the expansion of New Britain YMCA child care services

NEW LAWS FOR 2023-24

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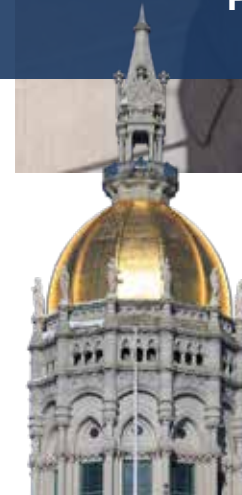
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SUPPORTING WORKERS AND SMALL BUSINESSES

As newly appointed co-chair of the Labor and Public Employees Committee, I was proud to lead initiatives to support the employees and workers who help make our small businesses so great.

- Protected workers whose health benefits are terminated by an employer following a strike or labor dispute
- Cut business taxes to promote expansion of childcare facilities
- Made it easier for small contractors to bid on state projects
- Expanded workers' comp coverage for anyone who experiences PTSD at work

SERVING THOSE WHO SERVED

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

BABY BONDS

- CT Baby Bonds is a first of its kind anti-poverty program investing \$3,200 directly into children born into HUSKY, the state's Medicaid program. These investments will help close generational and racial wealth gaps by growing over time and can be used for specific purposes between the ages of 18-30.

OUR BIPARTISAN BUDGET INCLUDES HISTORIC TAX CUTS!

A STATE BUDGET FOCUSED 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.



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.



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.



INDUSTRY GROWTH

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

SUPPORTING SENIORS

- Expanded eligibility for seniors to participate in adult day services (serving those with early onset dementia)
- Expanded Medicaid coverage for services including 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



IMPROVING HEALTHCARE

- Established the Office of the Behavioral Health Advocate to help providers and patients navigate our insurance system
- Added more specificity to hospital discharge plans and improved coordination with the patient's pharmacy
- Extended health insurance coverage for newborns from 61 days to 91 days

