

Dear neighbor,

The 2024 legislative session is in the books!

The even numbered years are our “short sessions” where the agenda is somewhat limited, but the priority is to ensure that our budget remains balanced while investing in areas of need. By passing our fiscal stabilization plan we protected the tax cuts we enacted in 2022 and 2023 while increasing funding for higher education, early childhood and nonprofits. And once again, it was my privilege to chair the Banking Committee and lead passage of important legislation to protect consumers in Connecticut.

This newsletter has more details. As always, please feel free to reach out to me directly with any questions or suggestions. Have a great summer!

Best,



## 2024 SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Providing Quality Care for Seniors
- Maintaining Historic Tax Cuts
- Making Childcare More Affordable and Accessible
- Maintaining CT's Future Fiscal Integrity



# STATE REPRESENTATIVE JASON DOUCETTE

PROUDLY SERVING GLASTONBURY AND MANCHESTER

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

## CAPITOL UPDATE 24

Representative Jason Doucette  
Legislative Office Building, Room 4000  
Hartford, CT 06106-1591







# CAPITOL UPDATE 2024

FROM STATE REPRESENTATIVE

## JASON DOUCETTE

PROUDLY SERVING GLASTONBURY AND MANCHESTER

### CONTACT ME ANY TIME:

-  860-240-8585
-  [Jason.Doucette@cga.ct.gov](mailto:Jason.Doucette@cga.ct.gov)
-  [housedems.ct.gov/Doucette](http://housedems.ct.gov/Doucette)
-  [facebook.com/RepDoucette](https://facebook.com/RepDoucette)



# STATE REPRESENTATIVE JASON DOUCETTE

## CAPITOL UPDATE 2024



### HELPING SENIORS & VETERANS

- Exempted permanently and totally disabled veterans from paying property taxes. (PA 24-46)
- Expedited Medicaid coverage for home-based care as an alternative to more costly nursing home care. (PA 24-39)
- Created a new registry system to connect patients to home care providers and created a dashboard to help navigate nursing home options. (PA 24-39)
- Required nursing homes and retirement communities to provide at least 60-90 days notice of any fee increases and improved transparency around fees. (PA 24-141)
- Strengthened oversight of negligent nursing homes. (PA 24-141)



### PROTECTING CONSUMERS

- Expanded the state's investigative powers to enforce banking laws. (PA 24-74)
- Approved new consumer protections regarding cryptocurrencies. (PA 24-146)
- Protected domestic violence victims from being forced into debt by their abuser. (PA 24-77)
- Made it easier to access the state's emergency mortgage assistance program. (PA 24-66)
- Excluded medical debt from counting against your credit score. (PA 24-6)
- Cut red tape when it comes to getting wheelchairs repaired. (PA 24-58)
- Added greater transparency and local input to Siting Council process. (PA-144)

### SUPPORTING LOCAL SCHOOLS, KIDS, & FAMILIES

- Preserved local education funding from proposed cuts. Capped the amount of money all districts pay to send kids out of district – saving millions of dollars for local schools. (PA 24-81)
- 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. (PA 24-81)
- Provided help to classroom paraeducators to pay for their health insurance. (PA 24-81)
- Established the Mandate Review Advisory Council to review proposed and existing mandates on local Boards of Education. (PA 24-45)
- Improving childcare by creating new programming and increasing coordination with employers. (PA 24-78 & 24-91)
- Paid sick leave for all workers. (PA 24-8)



### OUR BIPARTISAN BUDGET PROTECTS HISTORIC TAX CUTS

IN 2023, WE PASSED A BIPARTISAN BIENNIUM BUDGET THAT INCLUDES HISTORIC TAX CUTS AND INVESTMENTS FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

- Some of the largest income tax cuts in state history
- Cut taxes on retirement income
- 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

### BRINGING HOME LOCAL FUNDING FOR MANCHESTER AND GLASTONBURY

- \$11 million for Main Street Manchester and the new library
- \$900,000 for Manchester and \$450,000 for Glastonbury for motor vehicle tax mitigation
- \$400,000 for Charter Oak Park and \$325,000 for Addison Park
- \$250,000 for Cheney Hall
- \$50,000 for Glastonbury Little League
- \$25,000 in grant funding available for the Manchester Arts Commission through CT Humanities

