

STABILIZING BASIC NEED SERVICES AND IMPORTANT PROGRAMS IN THE CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2026 (H.R. 7148)

Through rare bipartisan negotiations, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026 (H.R. 7148) stabilizes basic need services and protects important programs that Connecticut and our nation depend on.

HEALTH

- Increases investments in lifesaving biomedical research – providing \$48.7 billion in funding to the NIH
- Maintains investment in public health – \$9.2 billion for CDC and \$7.29 billion for Substance Use and Mental Health
- Reauthorizes the Federally Qualified Health Center program through 2029 and increases the funding for local health centers.
- Imposes new transparency and pass-through requirements for Pharmacy Benefit Managers to address one of the causes of rising drug costs

EDUCATION

- Maintains funding for Head Start at \$12.27 billion
- Maintains funding for Impact Aid at \$1.63 billion, both Ledyard and Groton have benefitted from Impact Aid funds over the years (in FY 24, ED Impact Aid Grants provide 4.5% of Groton and Ledyard Public Schools' annual budgets)

- Maintains Perkins Grants funding – \$1.4 million for State Grants and \$12.4 million for National Programs

HOUSING

- Prevents the elimination of vital housing programs, including housing for the elderly, for people with disabilities, and people living with AIDS, and the office for mitigating lead hazards
- Protects funding for homelessness programs, which the Administration threatened to end this winter
- Extends the National Flood Insurance Program

TRANSPORTATION

- Increases FAA funding by \$1.6 billion and directs increased training resources to expand the air traffic controller workforce
- Protects funding for the Federal Transit Administration, including transit grants to support bus fleet expansion