

2025

SENATOR CHRIS MURPHY **A YEAR IN REVIEW**



A NOTE FROM SENATOR MURPHY

There's no way to sugarcoat it – 2025 has been an exceptionally hard year. I know many of you are scared, angry, and anxious about the future of our country. Over the last year, we have watched as a would-be tyrant waged a campaign of dizzying destruction against the rule of law and American democracy. Donald Trump and his cabinet of billionaires have engaged in a level of corruption never before seen in this country, turning the White House into a 24/7 pay-to-play scheme that benefits Trump and his wealthy friends at the expense of American families.

Like so many of you, I have woken up every day this year angered by this administration's cruelty and Trump's attacks on good, hardworking people.

But this year, I have also experienced profound joy. And that is thanks to you. We are lucky enough to be living in the greatest experiment in self-governance in the history of the world. And what's more, we have the opportunity to save it. Together, I believe we can.

This year, Trump attacked the very core of our democracy, threatening to jail or hurt those brave enough to stand up to his lawlessness and corruption. But millions of Americans – including many of you – came together to show this would-be authoritarian that we will not be silenced. Our nation is in peril, but we can save it. After witnessing the courage of everyday Americans fighting back and showing up for each other this year, I know we will.

In 2025, I stood shoulder to shoulder with Connecticut families and families across this nation who believe that this country is worth fighting for. This report highlights the measures my office took this year to stand up to Trump's corruption and live up to the founding values of this nation and all of you.

Thank you for being in this fight with me.

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In a year marked by turmoil, Chris joined with elected leaders, civic organizers, and Connecticut residents to defend Americans' rights, democracy, and fight for a better future.

2025 BY THE NUMBERS



Completed his 9th Walk Across Connecticut: four days, 67 miles, 11 towns, and hundreds of conversations with Connecticut residents;



Introduced or co-sponsored 270 pieces of legislation and amendments, including 91 bills, resolutions, or amendments as the lead sponsor;



Engaged with and reached out to Connecticut residents through over 436,800 calls, emails, and letters;



Returned more than 7 million to constituents, including owed Social Security payments, veterans' benefits, tax refunds, and other savings from federal agencies;



Helped over 3,233 constituents work through federal issues and get their owed benefits



INVESTING IN CONNECTICUT

In his campaign for control and profit, Donald Trump ripped funding away from Democratic-led states that refused to bend to his will. But in spite of Trump's lawlessness, Chris, working hand-in-hand with Connecticut's Democratic delegation, preserved and facilitated important funding victories for the state in 2025.

To name just a few, these projects include:

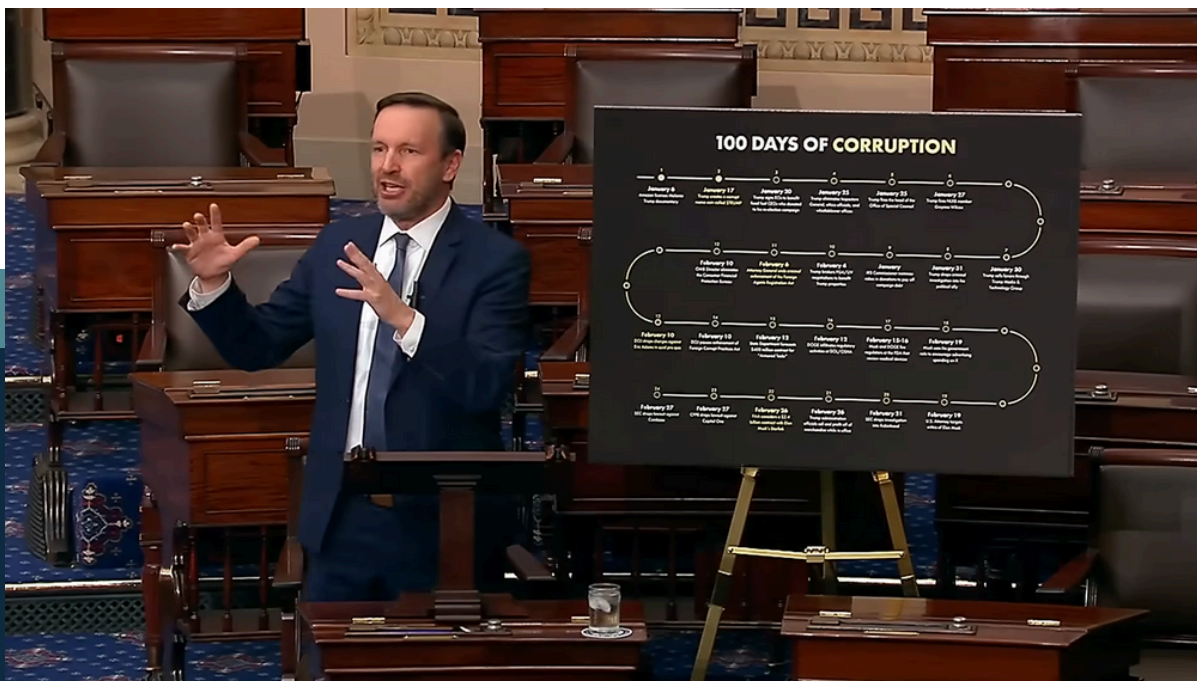
- ✓ **\$11.6 million** from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to increase and extend service along the CTrail Hartford Line.
- ✓ **\$24.6 million** from the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity grant to fund the construction of a new Congress Street Bridge in Bridgeport.
- ✓ **\$955,417** for Connecticut airports to make much-needed infrastructure improvements.
- ✓ **\$977,000** as a result of Chris' championing of the historic Bipartisan Safer Communities Act (BSCA) that continues to support Connecticut residents' access to health care, including mental health care and substance use disorder treatment. This year, thanks in part to the BSCA, Connecticut received a grant to build out a more comprehensive care model for mental health services.
- ✓ **\$9.2 million** from BSCA funds that Connecticut continues to use for the Stronger Connections Grant Program, which invests in schools to support mental health, anti-bullying initiatives and other evidence-based activities that create a healthy learning environment.

HOLDING THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNTABLE

In less than a year, Donald Trump has transformed the executive branch of the United States government into the most corrupt administration in this nation's history. He and his billionaire friends are getting rich off the backs of taxpayers and using the might of the U.S. government to target his perceived political enemies. Trump's first year back in office is a blueprint for how democracies die.

But civic and elected leaders are joining with millions of brave citizens to stand up to this would-be tyrant. In 2025, Chris was a leading voice within this chorus – consistently calling out Trump's corruption and holding him accountable.

As Republicans in Congress sought to make co-equal branches of government irrelevant, Chris took to the Senate floor to demand his Senate colleagues defend the American people from Trump's overreach and corruption.



At the beginning of the year, on the Senate floor, Chris detailed the mind-boggling scale of Trump's corruption in his first 100 days alone, including Trump ending the criminal enforcement of the Foreign Agents Registration Act, which requires people paid by foreign governments to register if they lobby the U.S. government. Under Trump, foreign governments can now make backdoor payments to assert their influence over American policy.

Throughout the year, Chris has also called out his Republican colleagues in Congress for emboldening Trump's lawlessness. When Republicans changed the rules on confirming Trump's nominees to circumvent congressional vetting, Chris slammed Senate Republicans' willingness to surrender their constitutional powers to enable President Trump's corrupt agenda.



INTRODUCING LEGISLATION

Chris matched uncompromising words with legislative action, introducing bills to crack down on Trump's unprecedented corruption.

In 2025, Trump, his family and his allies exploited unregulated crypto markets to rake in staggering personal profits. Before Trump was even sworn into office, in perhaps the most corrupt act in the history of the White House, Trump launched a meme coin. Trump's personal cryptocurrency allows anyone lobbying the Trump administration, foreign or domestic, to send Trump millions of dollars in total secret. Trump does not disclose who is purchasing his meme coin but independent reporting estimates that he has raked in an approximate \$1 billion in the last year alone through his crypto coin.

In response to this outrageous corruption, Chris introduced the Modern Emoluments and Malfeasance Enforcement (MEME) Act to prevent corrupt federal officials from using their position to profit off digital assets such as meme coins.

In Congress, Chris has sounded the alarm on the opportunity unregulated crypto marketplaces offer up to corrupt government officials seeking to trade their influence for profit while defrauding the American people.

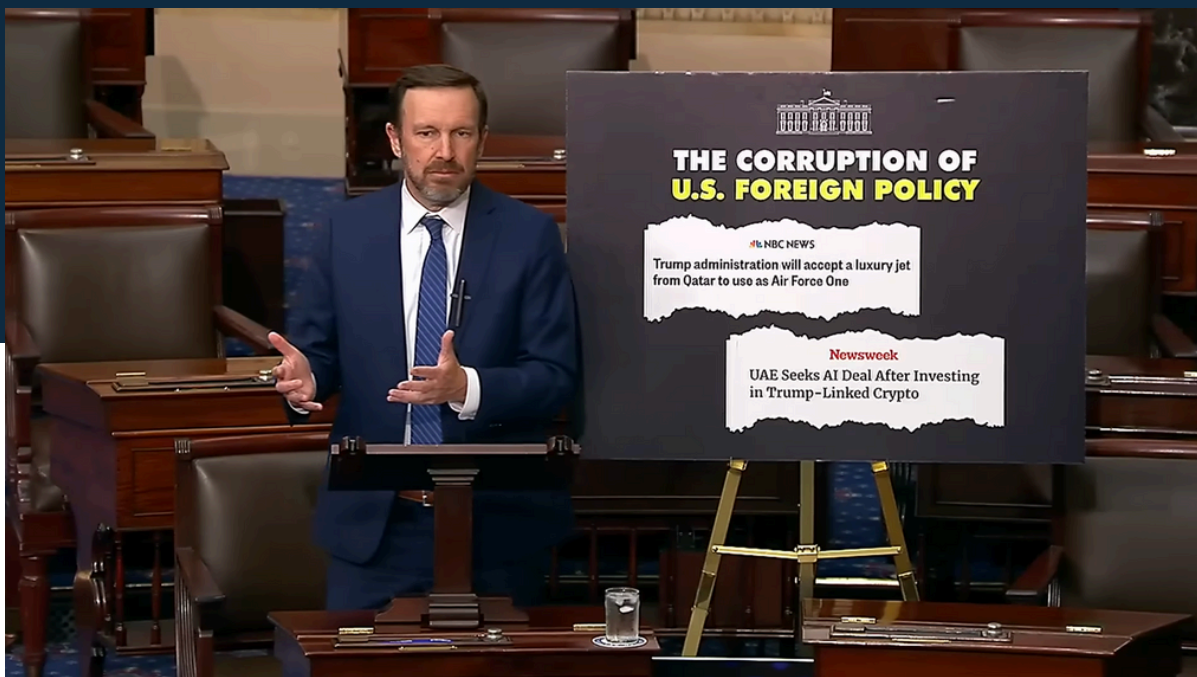


Murphy introduces bill to block Trump from profiting off meme coins

Trump's corruption has transcended national boundaries. His administration has transformed foreign diplomacy into a for-profit enterprise, putting

Americans' security and global stability in jeopardy.

After Trump accepted a \$400 million luxury jet from Qatar and demanded taxpayers foot a \$1 billion bill to refurbish it, Chris forced a vote on legislation that would have blocked Trump from taking the jet with him as a personal gift after he leaves office. Refusing to normalize Trump's corruption, Chris subsequently forced a vote to block multi-billion dollar weapons sales to Qatar and the United Arab Emirates that skirted congressional review and ignored Congress' constitutional role.



OVERSIGHT OF DHS

Since taking office, Donald Trump and his U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi Noem have targeted law-abiding immigrants and even U.S. citizens in an unprecedented campaign of mass deportations, detainment and disappearances. Under Trump, the Department of Homeland Security has consistently misused funds appropriated by Congress, undermining both the Constitution and the rule of law. As the Ranking Member Chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee that oversees funding for the Department

of Homeland Security (DHS), Chris has worked to ensure that DHS faces consequences for violating federal and appropriations law.

"You are spending like you don't have a budget. You are on the verge of running out of money for the fiscal year. You are illegally refusing to spend funds that have been authorized by this Congress and appropriated by this committee. You are ignoring the immigration laws of this nation, implementing a brand-new immigration system that you have invented that has little relation to the statutes that you are required – that you are commanded – to follow as spelled out in your oath of office.

You are routinely violating the rights of immigrants who may not be citizens, but whether you like it or not, have constitutional and statutory rights when they reside in the United States. Your agency acts as if laws don't matter, as if the election gave you some mandate to violate the Constitution and the laws passed by this Congress. It did not give you that mandate."

Senator Murphy to Secretary Noem in a
Appropriations Committee hearing examining
Trump's FY26 budget request for DHS

Chris has used every tool at his disposal as Chairman to expose DHS' illegality and introduced legislation to protect the rights of both immigrants and American citizens. After months of credible reporting that Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) have deprived people – including children and longtime legal residents – of the ability to access a lawyer, Chris introduced the Restoring Access to

Detainees Act to ensure DHS allows anyone who has been detained to contact their legal counsel and families.

As Noem issued false statements and petty defenses of her Department's illegality this year, Chris sent letters demanding answers and accountability from the Secretary, including:

- After court documents revealed serious factual inconsistencies in DHS' account of the shooting of an American citizen;
- When the Trump administration illegally transferred hundreds of individuals to a facility in El Salvador notorious for its human rights abuses and systematic deployment of physical and psychological torture;
- When Trump deployed National Guard troops and active-duty Marines to Los Angeles without the consent of the California Governor amid unrest created by the President's own indiscriminate and intentionally inflammatory immigration enforcement raids across the region.

Chris has consistently fought for transparency on behalf of the American taxpayers. After Trump and Republicans passed the "One Big Beautiful Bill" – the largest wealth transfer from the poor and middle class to the ultra-wealthy in this nation's history – Chris demanded an explanation from DHS as to how it plans to spend the additional \$170 billion in funds it received.

Chris also demanded answers from Noem on the Trump administration's efforts to dismantle the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); the agency responsible for protecting Americans before, during, and in the aftermath of natural disasters. As climate change exacerbates the frequency and intensity of natural disasters, Trump and his allies have gutted the agency and delayed critical funds from reaching Democratically-led areas. This year, Chris demanded to know why DHS has canceled or delayed more than \$100 billion in grant payments and called out Noem's bullying and harassment of FEMA's dedicated staff.

UNRIGGING DEMOCRACY

DEFENDING THE CONSTITUTION

In a page taken right out of the totalitarian playbook, Donald Trump has coupled his unprecedented corruption with systematic attacks on democracy and Americans' First Amendment rights, weaponizing government agencies to silence his critics.

In response, Chris has become one of Congress' most vocal defenders of democracy, while insisting that America's democratic institutions must be reformed and unrugged to serve working people – not the wealthy and well-connected.

This year, Chris announced his intention to introduce the No Political Enemies (NOPE) Act, legislation to protect individuals and organizations, including non-profits, faith groups, media outlets, and educational institutions, from politically motivated harassment and prosecution by the federal government.



Chris also took aim at powerful corporations aiding and abetting Trump's attacks on free speech. When CBS and ABC caved to the Trump administration's pressure to cancel Stephen Colbert and Jimmy Kimmel's late night shows, Chris became a leading voice amongst the public outcry against Trump's blatant censorship. Following widespread backlash, ABC relented, bringing Kimmel back on the air.

And when Donald Trump called for the execution of elected leaders after they invoked the U.S. Constitution to assure U.S. soldiers that they are not obligated to follow illegal orders – Chris threw down the gauntlet to companies and wealthy CEOs sitting on the sidelines:

CT INSIDER

Sen. Chris Murphy calls on Americans to pick sides over Trump's call to hang 'traitor' Democrats



UNRIGGING OUR ECONOMY

In the wake of Donald Trump's election, Chris urged Democrats to not only stand up to Trump, but offer a positive economic vision to hardworking Americans – one that acknowledges and tackles a system fundamentally tilted to benefit the ultra-wealthy at the expense of everyone else.

EXPOSING CORPORATE PARDONS

In the last year, Donald Trump has taken a sledgehammer to the agencies meant to protect Americans from corporate greed, declaring open season on consumers. His weakening of consumer protection agencies like the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) have left Americans more vulnerable than ever to corporations' exploitative tactics.

Before Trump took office, the CFPB cracked down on big banks, mortgage lenders, debt collectors, and loan companies that raked in profits by scamming their customers. Similarly, the FTC protected Americans from monopolistic practices and fraud. In a gift to his corporate and billionaire backers, upon entering office, Trump swiftly began hollowing out regulatory agencies that crackdown on corporate abuse.

One of Trump's most brazen actions in support of his corporate supporters has been his wielding of presidential pardons. This year, Chris partnered with the consumer advocacy organization Public Citizen to release a report exposing exactly how wealthy corporate criminals who exploit and abuse the public have received safe haven within the Trump administration.

The Trump administration has halted or dropped federal enforcement actions against more than 164 corporations. One-fifth of the 122 corporations the administration rewarded with dropped enforcements donated to Trump's inauguration, while one-third have business or political ties to Trump.

The corporations Trump pardoned have inflicted serious harm on the American public. Trump's CFPB dropped cases against big banks that defrauded their customers and Boeing shook off criminal charges after two deadly crashes of the Boeing 737 MAX. In another instance, Trump pardoned a crypto company that reaped profits by allowing thieves to use its exchange to launder money.

Trump's corporate pardons show he doesn't care about the citizens who rely on their government to protect them and their hard earned money from corporate abuse. Instead, Trump seeks to rule the government by personal favor, bestowed upon the billionaires and corporations who strengthen his grip on power.

FIGHTING FOR WORKERS' RIGHTS

Under Trump, American workers have endured an administration hellbent on weakening workers' power and protections in order to enrich the ultra-wealthy. Trump has emboldened corporations to use loopholes and vague definitions to miscategorize workers and deny them the pay and benefits they deserve with impunity.

In response, this year, Chris introduced the Empowering App-Based Workers Act. In the digital age, millions of workers across multiple industries report to work by turning on an app. These platforms collect data from both workers and consumers to shape working conditions, evaluate workers, determine pay, and make work-related decisions through invisible algorithms that workers cannot access or refute. Chris' bill creates a level

playing field for workers managed by digital labor platforms and forces companies to be transparent with workers.

When the Trump administration stopped defending the federal rule banning non-compete clauses, a policy that blocks one in five American workers from working for a competing employer or starting a competing business, Chris shot back. He urged the Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission to restore the ban on non-compete clauses in order to protect workers from the suppressed wages and lower job quality non-competes create. Chris also led bipartisan legislative action to defend workers against non-competes, reintroducing the Workforce Mobility Act this year.

PROTECTING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

Chris worked tirelessly to protect working Americans as the Trump administration waged an all out war on workers' collective bargaining rights.

In an effort to fire qualified government employees and replace them with his loyalist cronies, Trump has ruthlessly attacked federal workers' collective bargaining rights. In response, Chris sponsored the Protect America's Workforce Act: bipartisan legislation to repeal two of President Trump's union-busting executive orders and restore workplace democracy protections for federal workers.

Chris also introduced legislation – the VA Employee Fairness Act – to strengthen collective bargaining rights for health care professionals who work for the Veterans Health Administration, protecting VHA workers and the veterans they serve.

Chris also joined private sector workers on the picket line as they fought for

better working conditions and fairer pay. This year, Chris stood with hundreds of Pratt & Whitney machinists on the picket line in Middletown, CT to support their strike and celebrated when the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM) Local 700 ratified a hard-won contract with Pratt & Whitney. In addition, Senator Murphy rallied with MDA-UAW Local 571 workers ahead of their successful contract negotiations with General Dynamics.

Chris sent a letter to Starbucks CEO Brian Niccol demanding that the multibillion-dollar corporation stop its illegal union-busting campaign and negotiate a fair contract with its workers.



MEETING THE MOMENT ON AI

In the span of only a few years, artificial intelligence (AI) has already transformed our economy and society, with more severe disruptions still ahead. AI has the potential to support human flourishing, but only if it is designed with rigorous guardrails. Unregulated, AI has the power to supercharge inequality, surveillance, and social discord. With the Trump administration's blessing, this is the road too many tech billionaires seek to drag America down in their relentless pursuit of profit.

In Congress, Chris has been one of the leading voices raising the alarm on corporate America's dystopian vision of AI. Included in Time Magazine's "100 most influential people in AI" in 2025, Chris has been crystal clear on the threat AI represents to American workers.

At the Brookings Institution event, Beyond Productivity: The Pursuit of Purpose In The Age of AI, Chris addressed how unregulated AI could potentially eliminate tens of millions of jobs. At the Paris Institute of Political



Studies, Chris delivered a major speech on the threats posed to the U.S. economy and spiritual health of Americans by unregulated artificial intelligence technology, arguing the industry leaders lobbying against AI regulation are prioritizing profit over the common good.

This year, Chris also published a widely-circulated essay calling for responsible AI regulation and excoriated Silicon Valley's "build fast and break things" approach, warning that the thing most likely to break is our ability to meaningfully connect to other people and reality itself.

In tragic examples of this threat, we have already seen teenagers harm themselves or others after receiving encouragement from AI chatbots. In 2025, nearly 70 percent of teenagers are turning to chatbots as a substitute for friendship, making them more isolated and disconnected. To address this crisis and protect vulnerable youth from exploitation and manipulation at the hands of AI companies, Chris introduced the bipartisan GUARD Act. This legislation would ban AI companies from allowing minors to access AI companions and hold companies criminally responsible for knowingly making AI companions for minors that solicit or produce sexual content.



PROTECTING HEALTH CARE ACCESS

In Congress, with majorities in both the House and the Senate, Trump and Republicans delivered a major legislative victory to the only demographic they care about: the ultra-wealthy. The so-called “One Big Beautiful Bill” will go down in history as the biggest transfer of wealth from the poor and middle class to the ultra-rich. While providing billionaires with billions in new tax giveaways, the legislation rips health care and food away from the poor. Some 10 million people will lose their Medicaid coverage and an average of 4.7 million people, including children, will lose their food support enrollment. Chris has called this legislation a “moral abomination” and railed against its passage.



When Republicans continued their assault on health care access, refusing to extend Affordable Care Act (ACA) premium subsidies to prevent millions of Americans from seeing their premium costs spike by an average of 140%, Chris took action. During the government shutdown this fall, Chris refused to vote for a budget that kicks millions off their health care and co-signs

Trump's illegality. Chris hammered the life or death stakes of Republicans' refusal to come to the table and negotiate an end to the government shutdown that lowered health care costs for Americans.

While Chris and Democrats united in fighting for lower health care costs this year, after making the largest health care cuts in American history, Republicans failed to offer a serious health care plan that would prevent 20 million Americans' health care premiums from doubling. Though the expiration of health care tax credits is not the outcome Democrats wanted, in 2026, Chris will continue to fight for lower costs on behalf of the some 140,000 Connecticut residents and 20 million Americans impacted by Republicans' cruel decision to allow the ACA tax credits to expire.

This year, Chris also put a spotlight on the ways the Trump administration is working to make Americans sicker. He opposed the nomination of U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Robert F. Kennedy Jr because of his lack of qualifications and integrity. In a follow up hearing, he grilled Kennedy for lying to Congress during his nomination hearing and spreading misinformation that undermines trust in vaccines. At the end of this year, Chris joined with fellow Democrats on the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee to demand Kennedy once again testify before the committee to explain his reckless war on science and vaccines that is now placing lives at risk.

In a report released this summer, Chris detailed how an private equity's takeover of three Connecticut hospitals resulted in worse patient outcomes, and called on lawmakers to reject the fast-growing influence of private equity firms on our healthcare system.

The report includes first-hand testimonies for hospital employees and exposes how out-of-state private equity-backed healthcare group called Prospect Medical Holdings promised to revitalize these strained hospitals

but instead employed a “buy, strip, flip” strategy in which they sold off assets while gutting staff and services, prioritized investor payouts and short-term profits over patient outcomes, and degraded the safety and quality of care for vulnerable communities without the financial means to fight back.

In a major victory for Connecticut families, this fall, all three hospitals are being sold to not-for-profit hospital systems in Connecticut instead of another private equity firm. Hartford HealthCare won the bid to buy Manchester Memorial and Rockville General and Connecticut state legislators greenlit the sale of Waterbury Hospital to UConn Health, rejecting the disastrous results of the previous private equity takeover and offering a brighter future for doctors, staff, and patients.

A Dangerous Prospect: How Private Equity Decimated Connecticut Hospitals

Prepared by:
Senator Chris Murphy

August 2025

Introduction

Growing up, I saw my pediatrician, Dr. Carleton, whenever I was sick. My young parents trusted him not only because of his medical expertise, but because he knew our family well. He was a steady shoulder for my parents to lean on as my siblings and I grew up and hit life's milestones. And even though he retired when I was young, I still remember my visits to his office.

My kids have a very different experience. Instead of the familiarity of a Dr. Carleton, they have many pediatricians on rotation. I book the appointment online and we get the first physician available. It is an efficient system, but it's hollow.

This is how many Americans get their health care now – it's quick, strictly clinical, with less continuity and less connection. But why have things changed?

When I did some digging, I discovered that the primary investor in my children's pediatric practice is Goldman Sachs, a Wall Street investment bank. The idea that Wall Street would own a pediatrician's office would have seemed absurd a generation ago, but increasingly that's how health care in the United States works: financiers want to turn a quick profit, and it doesn't matter to them whether the businesses they are investing in are flipping houses or chain restaurants or children's hospitals. They didn't study medicine, and they don't care about treating sick people. They just want to make money.

Since the 1980s, financial firms including hedge funds, venture capitalists, and private equity (PE) firms have gotten in on the promising profits in the health care industry [1]. While there are reasons to be concerned about the financialization of health care generally, private equity control of health care facilities is particularly problematic. Namely, the group of investors (referred to as limited partners) who purchase a hospital or health care facility actively manage the business under the premise that they will make it more efficient and profitable [2]. This differs from venture capitalists who often own a stake of the business but don't actively manage it.

According to the American Medical Association's 2024 Physician Practice Benchmark Survey, for the first time since the profession's creation, less than half of physicians work in a private practice as the health care system shifts to other ownership models [3]. In the last 10 years alone, private equity firms have put \$1 trillion dollars into health care transactions [4].

The difference in our health care is palpable. In 2023, 70% of Americans said that the health care system is failing them, even though the U.S. spends more money per capita on health care than any other developed nation [5].

Most people don't know the ownership structure of their hospital or doctor's office, but they can feel the difference. Maybe your podiatrist's office switched from a receptionist who

KEEPING COMMUNITIES SAFE

In 2025, both the gun industry and violent criminals alike have a champion in the White House. Over the last 3 years, we've seen historic reductions in rates of gun violence – including double digit drops in mass shootings and gun homicide rates – thanks in part to BSCA. After taking office for his second term, President Trump launched a radical attack on gun violence prevention and public safety. Between shutting down the White House Office of Gun Violence Prevention, creating legal carveouts for black market gun runners and violent criminals to access firearms, and illegally terminating \$1.8 billion in grant funding from BSCA, no modern president has done more to undermine public safety.

Chris led the charge in the U.S. Senate against Trump's indefensible cuts to the programs and policies proven to bring down gun violence. He took to the Senate floor to defend the BSCA's transformative achievements and followed through by introducing several pieces of bicameral legislation to reverse the worst of Trump's cuts, including a bill to establish a permanent office of gun violence prevention, and the Break The Cycle of Violence Act to restore grant funding for community-based public safety programs.



Chris remains a staunch advocate for the commonsense gun safety policies supported by strong majorities of Americans and introduced the Assault Weapons Ban of 2025 and the Background Check Expansion Act to bring our gun laws in line with American public opinion. Taking a comprehensive approach to preventing gun violence, Chris also introduced the SECURE Act to prevent “smash and grab” theft of firearms from licensed dealers, which are disproportionately used to commit crimes, and the Age 21 Act to prevent teenagers from purchasing the assault weapons and high-capacity ammo routinely employed in mass shootings. He also supported bicameral legislation to empower victims of gun violence to hold the gun industry liable when they behave negligently and disregard public safety.

Chris also reintroduced the Americas Regional Monitoring of Arms Sales (ARMAS) Act to disrupt transnational firearm trafficking networks which put weapons in the hands of gangs and cartels and threaten lives at home and abroad.

COAST GUARD MUSEUM UPDATE

After years of planning and preparation, in 2025, construction of the National Coast Guard Museum got underway in New London. As top Democrat on the Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee, Chris has been a leading advocate for the National Coast Guard Museum, driving significant federal support to bring to life this overdue asset for the Coast Guard, southeast Connecticut, and the nation. To date, he has helped secure nearly \$140 million in federal funding to support the project and related infrastructure investments in the city. With additional legislative support advanced by Chris this year, the museum is on track for completion in 2026.

CARING FOR OUR VETERANS

Chris knows that we owe an enduring debt to America's veterans. Yet too often, veterans are forced to wait months to receive claim and pension exams to access disability benefits earned in service. That's why Chris, alongside Senator Richard Blumenthal, introduced legislation this year to streamline the VA's disability exam system and ensure every veteran with a disability stemming from their service has full access to the benefits they earned and deserve.

This summer, Chris sent a letter to the West Haven VA Director advocating to keep the Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) in Stamford, CT open after reports that the clinic might close due to an expiring lease agreement. Following Chris's urging, the West Haven VA system announced it reached an agreement to keep the Stamford clinic open, protecting access to care for Fairfield County veterans.

Affordable housing remains out of reach for far too many veterans and servicemembers. Worse, some military families and veterans have been victims of price gouging as they seek rental homes. To address these predatory tactics, Chris wrote a letter to Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth calling for an investigation into whether landlords were price gouging military families. The letter requested that the Department of Defense provide information on whether the pricing algorithms used by landlords artificially drove up housing prices for military families.



SUPPORTING RURAL COMMUNITIES

As farmers in Connecticut increasingly navigate more extreme weather, Chris worked to improve the safety nets available to them. Alongside the rest of Connecticut's federal delegation, Chris helped secure disaster assistance funding for small and medium-sized farms. In the Senate, he also reintroduced the WEATHER Act to protect Connecticut's farmers against extreme weather. The bill would ensure timely payouts for farmers who suffer crop and income losses due to extreme weather.

FIGHTING FOR LOWER ENERGY COSTS

When the Trump administration canceled the Revolution Wind project, a wind farm that continues to create jobs and will bring down energy costs for Connecticut, Chris gathered with Connecticut workers and elected officials to expose the corruption at the heart of the decision. At the New London State Pier, Chris made clear the cancellation was part of Trump's larger agenda to benefit his billionaire oil and gas donors.

When a federal judge granted a preliminary injunction to block the Trump administration's stop work order on the Revolution Wind project this fall, Chris lauded the decision as a victory for good-paying jobs and lower energy costs in Connecticut.

At the expense of domestic jobs and affordable energy production, Trump has continued his crusade against wind farms. At the end of this year, the Trump administration announced it would pause leases on five wind farms, including Revolution Wind. Chris will continue to fight Trump's reckless federal overreach and defend Connecticut residents' jobs and pocketbooks.

