

I want to hear from you!

What do you think we need to do to get New York back on track?

Email me with your thoughts, questions and ideas.

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A Legislative Report from

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Dear Friend:

This newsletter is designed to update you on the work I am doing to represent you as your New York State Assemblyman. It also serves as an opportunity for you to provide your input on the policies you would like to see me advance.



I am working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to craft legislation that will rejuvenate our stagnant economy by allowing individuals and businesses to keep more of their own money.

Corruption in Albany is rampant. The abuse of power by representatives of the people not only erodes the people's faith in government, it also deters job creators from starting or relocating their business in New York. To that end, I have sponsored a number of tough reform bills including term limits and recall.

Fighting against the so-called SAFE Act has also been a top priority. The SAFE Act is an ill-conceived gun control bill that violates the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens to protect their families. It was literally rammed through the legislature in the middle of the night. I am fighting every day for full repeal of the SAFE Act.

I hope this mailer will give you a better understanding of the work I am doing to rejuvenate our stagnant economy, clean up Albany and defend your rights. I also hope you will call or email me to let me know your thoughts on how we can make New York a better place for families to grow, small businesses to open and seniors to comfortably retire.

Sincerely,

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Fighting Against the Unconstitutional SAFE Act

“The law contains such basic flaws that it technically makes it illegal for police officers to carry their weapons into public schools. Cuomo might wave this off as something easily fixed, but the error is just one part of a law riddled with bad ideas and faulty logic.”

– Quote from my Op-Ed against the SAFE Act in the New York Daily News on 1/23/13

I am proud to be the only Marine Corps veteran in the Assembly and the first Iraq or Afghanistan veteran in the Assembly. As a Marine, I defended the U.S. Constitution and the rights of Americans all over the world. I was surprised that in my first week in the Assembly I would have to defend against an all-out assault on the Second Amendment rights of New Yorkers by our governor.

I have co-sponsored Assembly Bills A.5608 and A.5955 to repeal the onerous and unconstitutional SAFE Act.

Saving Taxpayers’ Money

This year’s New York State Budget is the largest in state history. While our families must survive by wisely budgeting and making sacrifices, New York State continues its out-of-control spending.

Lalor’s Spending and Tax Reduction Bills:

- Co-sponsored Assembly Bill A.4580 to cap all state spending to the level of inflation.
- Co-sponsored Assembly Bill A.4158 to stop the state from hiding taxes in recurring “fees” on the taxpayer.
- Co-sponsored Assembly Bill A.6146 to require drug testing for welfare recipients.
- Primary sponsor of Assembly Bill A.7564 to cap the state gas tax at the national average, which will save taxpayers 20 cents per gallon.

The Governor’s budget cut the Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) by \$90 million.

Meanwhile, the budget provides a \$420 million tax credit for Hollywood filmmakers. This is a glaring example of misplaced priorities and the government siding with the elites and against the most vulnerable in our society.

- Co-Sponsored Assembly Bill A.7434, which reduces by \$90 million the amount of funds allotted for the Hollywood tax credit and uses the savings to restore the cuts to OPWDD.
- **Commitment to Military Education Act:** Due to the federal sequester cuts, our active-duty servicemen and women were denied the funding for higher education they were promised when they enlisted. The defenders of this nation deserve the respect and support of this state. In a bipartisan effort, I was able to lead the fight to provide the educational assistance promised to those who pledged to defend this nation.
- Sponsored Assembly Bill A.6443 which reduced SUNY tuition for active duty military personnel by the amount of funding lost by federal cuts. Our bipartisan effort got the attention of the U.S. Congress and forced the federal government to reverse its decision to cut tuition assistance.

REFORM

The biggest problem in Albany is the career politicians who do what is best for themselves and their friends but forget about the rest of us.

We will never get our state back on track if we allow politicians to use their office to feather their own nests. To that end, I have voluntarily reduced my salary by 10 percent, rejected a \$9,000 per year leadership stipend, refused per diem allowances, taxpayer-funded travel expenses and a taxpayer-funded pension.

Lalor’s Reform Bills:

- Primary Sponsor of Assembly Bill A.7368, which limits the terms of both state Assemblymembers and Senators.
- Co-Sponsor of Assembly Bill A.6161 which allows for recall elections for politicians who violate the public trust.
- Primary sponsor of Assembly Bill A.6782, which reduces the salaries of all legislators by 10 percent.
- Primary sponsor of Assembly Bill A.7289, which reduces per diem and travel expenses of legislators and requires receipts for all reimbursements.
- Primary sponsor of Assembly Bill A.7290, which eliminates costly and often abused leadership stipends.
- Primary sponsor of Assembly bill A.7570, which takes away pensions from politicians convicted of a crime.

