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# Support their Sacrifice

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# Dear Friend,



We all are mindful and appreciative of the brave servicemen and women who keep our nation safe. When our active duty personnel and veterans return home, it's our obligation to assist in their efforts to re-enter the workforce and pursue their piece of the American Dream. This newsletter contains some of the actions I'm proud to have sponsored in the past year to ensure that happens.

Regards,

Will Barclay

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### ENDING A DOUBLE TAX ON VETERANS

Travel and relocation are simply a reality of military life. When soldiers with a New York State residency purchase a vehicle while stationed elsewhere, they shouldn't have to pay sales tax on it twice. That's why I sponsored legislation ending this duplicative tax. The governor signed this legislation into law in December, eliminating this costly measure for troops who are proud to call New York State home. Asking them to pay sales tax twice was no way to show our gratitude for their service.

### "NY JOBS FOR VETERANS"

We must prioritize helping veterans find fulfilling employment after their tour of duty, especially those who are injured on the field of battle. That is why I'm proudly co-sponsoring "NY JOBS for VETERANS," a crucial piece of legislation that would create a preference in state contracts for service-disabled, veteran-owned small businesses. Veterans currently seeking meaningful employment opportunities or training can visit the state Department of Labor's Career Services for Veterans page at <http://labor.ny.gov/vets/vetintropage.shtm#> for more information.

### WAIVING CIVIL SERVICE FEES FOR VETS

Our state provides a number of programs and services to help ease our servicemen and women back into the state's workforce upon their return home from service. The New York State Department of Civil Service has attempted to create opportunities for veterans, and my proposal waiving exam fees is another way to help. The Division of Veterans' Affairs contains a wealth of information on civil service and other employment options. This can be accessed at <http://www.veterans.ny.gov/content/new-york-state-department-labor-employment-services>.

### HELPING OUR HEROES FIND A HOME

Our servicemen and women can have a difficult time finding the up-front cash necessary to purchase a home or obtain a mortgage, despite having excellent credit. Assembly bill 338 would provide veterans with down payment and closing cost assistance on single- and multi-family homes, as well as financing and rehabilitation help. This would greatly improve a veteran's transition to civilian life and show our appreciation for their efforts. Currently, the state Division of Veterans Affairs' offers a Home for Veterans program that provides some down payment and closing cost assistance on single-family homes, as well as preferred mortgage rates. You can learn more about this important program at <http://www.veterans.ny.gov/content/homes-veterans-program>.