



FALL NEWS FROM ASSEMBLYMEMBER

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Reports to the people of the 128th Assembly District

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Legislative Spotlight

Ensuring smooth elections

Making sure we have enough poll inspectors at our election sites can be challenging, but these workers are vital to the voting process. For that reason, I introduced a bill, now signed into law, to allow election inspectors to split shifts. Since many of these workers are senior citizens who often work grueling 14- to 16-hour days, allowing them to split shifts and prorating their pay ensures our elections run smoothly.

Protecting consumer rights

Another bill I authored that has been signed into law allows the New York Property Insurance Underwriting Association to continue writing coverage for an additional three years. This extension will help ensure stability and affordability for property/casualty insurance in underserved markets.

Addressing flooding

This summer I toured the mudboils in Tully. Mudboils, also known as mud volcanoes, occur when underground pressure causes water to bubble to the surface and release mud and silt. This can result in flooding, which is one of the reasons that the Southside of Syracuse was recently designated a flood zone by the federal commission. Currently, I'm working on legislation to help families affected by potential flooding.

Making voices heard on workers' compensation

On Sept. 26, I attended a hearing on the proposed new Workers' Compensation permanency impairment guidelines to gain clarity on how these guidelines are being drafted and to ensure the concerns of my constituents were heard.



Touring the mudboils in Tully

Community Events

Funding for local projects

I secured grants for the following projects in our community:

- Syracuse City School District, Dr. King Elementary School: Purchasing iPads, a storage cart and a charging station for the Literacy Zone
- City of Syracuse Parks Department, Inner City Little League: Purchasing equipment
- Westcott Community Center: Purchasing two high-efficiency air-conditioning units
- CNY Jazz Central: Funding for public and scholastic music programs for underserved residents
- Syracuse Jazz Fest: Funding for outreach and artistic programs for the 35th annual festival

American Legion Department of New York Annual Convention

Nicholas J. Pirro Convention Center, Syracuse

The American Legion is the largest veterans organization in the country. I was honored to speak at the 99th Annual Convention of the American Legion of NYS on July 20, where U.S. Navy veteran Rena M. Nessler was elected as the first woman commander.

Empire Girls State, American Legion Auxiliary

SUNY College at Brockport

On July 6, I spoke at Empire Girls State, a nonpartisan, weeklong educational workshop about the democratic process. This program sponsors 11th-grade girls in the top third of their class to come together to learn about government and cultivate leadership skills.

At the unveiling of the Liverpool Public Library's book bike cart in August



David Clark Learning Center, Access CNY – East Syracuse

The David Clark Learning Center offers services for people who have experienced head injuries. On Aug. 15, I attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the learning center, where I formerly served as a board member.



At the David Clark Learning Center ribbon cutting in August



At the Thompson Road ribbon cutting in DeWitt in September

Town of DeWitt Sidewalk Ribbon Cutting

On Sept. 29, I attended the ribbon cutting for the new sidewalk on Thompson Road along with town board members and Le Moyne College administrators. I helped secure funding for this sidewalk in order to provide a safer route along the Le Moyne College campus and Thompson Road/Erie Boulevard corridor.

Constituent Survey

See back for return instructions

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

1. Which of the following do you think is the most significant issue for our area? (Circle one.)
 - a. Improving schools
 - b. Creating jobs and attracting businesses
 - c. Keeping taxes low and reducing state spending
 - d. Reducing crime and gun violence
 - e. Other: _____
2. Currently, the I-81 viaduct, or elevated highway, running through downtown Syracuse is deteriorating and in need of a long-term solution. In your opinion, which is the best solution for fixing I-81? (Circle one.)
 - a. Disperse the traffic onto the community grid, which would reroute traffic through the city or to I-481
 - b. Replace with a taller, wider viaduct
 - c. Replace with a hybrid option (tunnel/community grid or a depressed highway/community grid)
3. Consensus CNY has proposed combining the Onondaga County and city of Syracuse governments into a single government, which could potentially save \$9 to \$23 million a year. Would you approve the consolidation of the Onondaga County and city of Syracuse governments? (Y/N)

Yes If no, why? _____
4. On the issue of immigration, which of the following proposals do you support? (Designating a town, city or state as “sanctuary” means that local law enforcement are not obligated to comply with federal requests to detain undocumented immigrants.) (Circle all that apply.)
 - a. Declaring your city/town as a sanctuary city
 - b. Declaring New York State as a sanctuary state
 - c. The NYS DREAM Act, which would set up a fund to advance educational opportunities for immigrant students
 - d. Green Light NY, which would allow the DMV to issue driver’s licenses regardless of legal status
5. Would you support the option for children to attend charter schools instead of public schools in your community? (Y/N)

Yes No
6. Would you support a single-payer health care system in New York State, which would provide universal health care for all residents? (Y/N)

Yes No
7. The current Scaffold Law requires that employers in the construction, demolition and repair industries be fully liable for elevation-related injuries. Critics say reforms should take worker negligence into account. Do you support the reforms to the law? (Y/N)

Yes No
8. Which of the following voting reforms, if any, would you support in New York State? (Circle all that apply.)
 - a. Early voting
 - b. Online absentee ballot applications
 - c. Online voter registration
 - d. Same-day registration
 - e. Automatic registration
 - f. Other: _____
9. Are you a business owner? (Y/N)

If yes, what are the top challenges to growing your business?
 If no, what do you think are the top challenges for business growth in your community?

10. How could the state better help businesses grow in your community? (Circle all that apply.)
 - a. Lower taxes
 - b. Improved public transportation
 - c. Workforce training programs to increase the number of skilled workers
 - d. Lower insurance costs paid by businesses
 - e. Other: _____
11. Overall, do you trust your state legislators to make the right decisions for your community? (Y/N)

Yes If no, why? _____
12. What suggestions or concerns do you have about improving your community?

Business Spotlight

Visiting local businesses gives me the chance to learn more about the challenges business owners experience and successes they take pride in.

Byrne Dairy

I toured the Byrne Dairy plant with NYS Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets Richard Ball. In addition to touring the facility, we visited Silver Spring Farm, one of Byrne Dairy's producers. I also had the opportunity to see the downtown ice cream plant, where I met with Fred Sadeghi, CEO, Eric Greiner, vice president of sales, and Mike Haldane, plant manager. During my visit, I discussed the New York State Grown & Certified program, which aims to promote the consumption of local agricultural products.



Getting up close at Silver Spring Farm

B&B Lumber

I had the opportunity to visit two of B&B Lumber's locations this fall, including their mill located in Jamesville. The fourth-generation, family-owned company has grown into one of the largest pallet manufacturers in the Northeast and also specializes in hardwood floors. The mill was a fascinating experience and I was able to see the process from start to finish, from the logs being shipped in by truck, then cut to size and assembled into pallets. I even fed a few boards into the pallet machine to help build the finished product!



Touring B&B Lumber in Jamesville

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**Do you have any questions,
comments or concerns?
My office is here to help!**

I want to hear from you – please take a few minutes to fill out and return the attached survey on the issues that matter most to you.

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