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EMPOWERING  
OUR COMMUNITY:

*Local Voices, Local Choices*

**LOCAL CONTROL**

is the cornerstone of effective governance,  
ensuring the voices of residents are heard.



-FOX NEWS, 12/4/23

“...lawmakers, most notably in New York City suburbs, railed against Albany having a say in how municipalities build and regulate housing. Lawmakers and the governor were unable to come to an agreement, and the initiative was tabled.”

**THE IMPORTANCE OF LOCAL CONTROL**

“As your Assemblyman, I strongly believe in the importance of local control over housing decisions. Our community knows what works best and we have the ability to shape our future. One-size-fits-all solutions don’t take into account unique needs and challenges. We need a plan that is more balanced and prioritizes local input.” - **ASSEMBLYMAN JOHN MCGOWAN**

**BUILDING  
STRONGER  
COMMUNITIES**

*Together*

## WHY LOCAL CONTROL MATTERS:

- ★ Local governments better understand our challenges and can respond quicker and more effectively.
- ★ Zoning can be tailored to local environmental and traffic concerns.
- ★ Creating a community for local businesses to thrive boosts job creation and growth.

## HERE’S HOW I AM SUPPORTING LOCAL CONTROL:

- ★ I am fighting for the town of Orangetown to raise the necessary funds to preserve historic places and properties and create recreational opportunities for local residents, all while safeguarding natural resources. (A.10553)
- ★ I support a proposal that prohibits the Governor or State Legislature from interfering with local zoning regulations unless they have obtained local consent. (A.8005)
- ★ I am working to pause burdensome unfunded mandates imposed by the state on local governments, giving them more flexibility to address local needs and provide Real Property Tax relief to our homeowners. (A.4572-A)



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