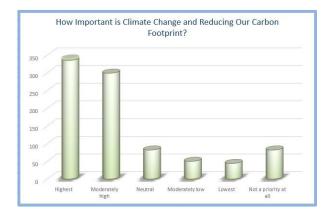


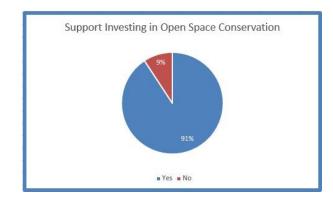
Dear Friends,

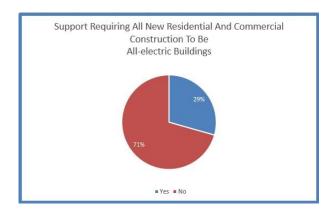
I am reaching out with an update on the state budget and on other legislative work that I have been doing.

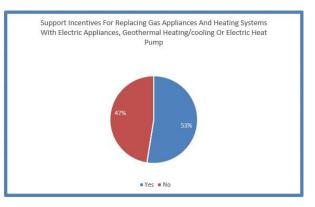
You may have heard yesterday that Governor Hochul announced a conceptual agreement on a budget framework. There are still some details to be worked out on policy issues, related principally to energy policy and environmental policy. I will be working over the weekend with colleagues and with Assembly leadership to try to bring these discussions to a close so that we can vote on a final budget.

I am guided in this work by the input you have given me through emails, phone calls, and office visits -- as well as the priorities that came through in the constituent survey (see graphics below). My focus is on making sure we have environmental policies that prioritize farmland and open space conservation, and energy policies that move us forward to achieve the goal of a zero-emission economy and do that in a way that is affordable for all, pragmatic and achievable.









I had a number of bills voted out of committee this week, the first step to getting a vote by the whole Assembly.

- A.1080: add an agricultural representative to the state Building Codes Council.
- A.5859: provide for a limited credit time allowance for individuals who work in the horse handling programs
- A.1528: establishing a youth agriculture technology challenge at the NYS Fair
- A.4676: establishing a commission to study the Paid Family Leave program and make recommendations
- A.5801: including invertebrate invasive species in aquatic growth control districts

Two resolutions, memorializing Library Assistants Day and Crime Victims' Rights Week, which I introduced, were adopted unanimously by the Assembly.

Madison Fromma, a senior at Saratoga Springs High School who is headed to SUNY Oneonta in the Fall to study Political Science, shadowed me for a day on Monday, and I had the pleasure of introducing her on the floor of the Assembly. Today, Friday, I welcomed the Participation in Government class from Stillwater High School to the Assembly Chamber and we spent time discussing issues of importance to them.





I will keep you posted on our progress towards a final state budget. Please keep your emails and calls coming, even if I am unable to respond to all of them, please know that each one is read by me or a member of my staff.

Have a great weekend,

Carrie WZ

P.S. I will be touring Washington County fiber farms this weekend on the annual Washington County Fiber Tour. I know it's going to be rainy, but the lambs and alpacas are a treat even on a damp day! I hope to see some of you along the way! <u>http://washingtoncountyfibertour.org/</u>