

## Assemblyman Will Barclay ACCOUNTABILITY • TRANSPARENCY • TRUST

As Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis famously wrote, "sunlight is said to be the best of disinfectants." In light of the scandals and corruption trials that have plagued our state, we need common-sense ethics reform in Albany.

## **Good Government Proposals:**

- Require public hearings on legislation.
- Create an independent Ethics Committee (A.3315).
- Remove the power of the speaker to unilaterally stop bills from reaching the floor that have widespread support in the Assembly.

## Public Officers Accountability Act (A.5864):

- Establishes crimes against the public trust.
- Creates a new crime for failure to report corruption.
- Reforms legislative grants to prevent conflicts of interest.
- Term limits for legislative leaders and committee chairs.

## Economic Development Transparency Act (A.5657A):

- Prohibits members of the Legislature or the governor from providing state grants or funding an entity or individual who donated to their political campaign within the past year.
- Creates an oversight committee to prevent conflicts of interest in state grants.
- Requires cost-benefit analysis on state economic development programs. The CNY Film Hub and START-UP NY are examples of the state investing millions in underperforming projects.

