

NEWS FROM

Assemblyman

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Dear Neighbor,

I want to update you on some of the important issues we have tackled this year in the state Assembly. Some of my top priorities are finding solutions to get our local economy back on track through initiatives that will create jobs, cut taxes and provide fair pay. I am also committed to reforming how Albany does business in order to restore faith in our state government. I believe that the policies we have enacted will help Central New York move forward to a brighter future.

This year’s state budget will keep more money in your wallet. We preserved the lowest middle-class tax rate in a generation, cut taxes on businesses and raised the minimum wage.

As your Assemblyman, I am doing everything I can to ensure more businesses and jobs come to Central New York. This session, we secured grants that will allow local companies to build and grow. We also passed legislation I authored that provides funding to programs that will educate those looking to join the advanced manufacturing field, helping employers find trained workers and the unemployed find a new career.

As we move forward, I renew my commitment to representing your interests and to improving the quality of life for everyone living in Central New York.

Sincerely,

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“Hardworking families need to be able to trust that their local officials are working for them.”

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Restoring the public’s trust

The abuse of power we have seen time and again in Albany is outrageous. Public officials have been elected by the people to uphold the law and represent their communities’ interests. It is clear we need reform.

We must have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to those who abuse their power in office, which is why I sponsored legislation that will take away a public official’s pension benefits for violating the public’s trust (A.7173). Corrupt officials must not be benefiting at taxpayers’ expense.



Government should be honest, open and working for the people. I took an oath to the people of New York State, and I take that very seriously. We need to make sure everyone in state government does the same.

Spurring job creation

Bringing jobs to our region is essential to our economic recovery and we took steps this session to bring more jobs to Central New York. I worked to obtain a \$750,000 grant for Ultra Dairy to aid in the building of a new substation that will create 50 new jobs and safeguard many jobs at the local dairy farms the company partners with. This is the type of job-creating development we need as it helps move our community forward.

I have authored legislation to provide state funding for the training and certification needed to enter the field of advanced manufacturing (A.7673). The legislation is aimed at filling what many refer to as a “middle-skills gap,” where positions require education beyond a high school diploma, but different training and certification than a four-year degree. While federal and state funding is provided to traditional higher-education institutions, those that give students the targeted

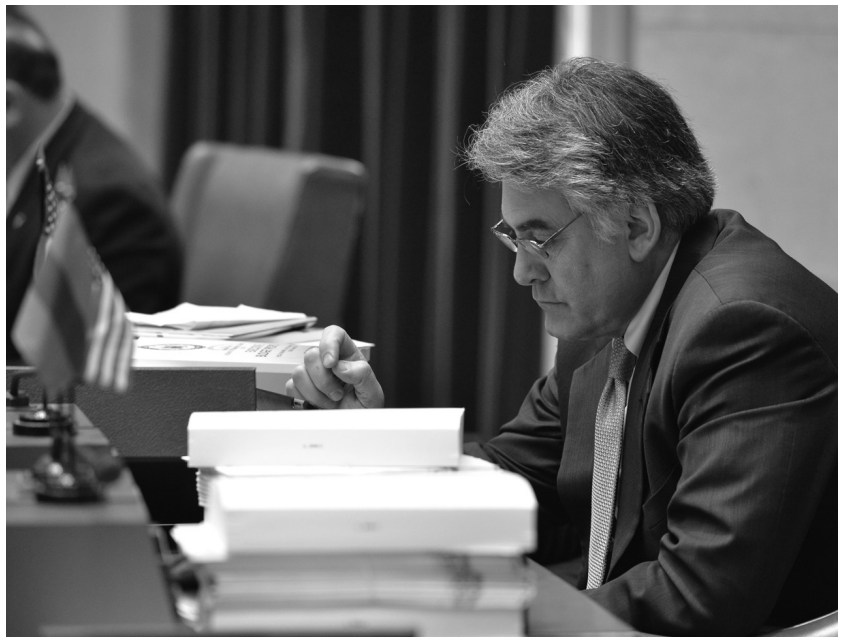


knowledge and job training for noncredit certificate programs are often overlooked. This funding would help Central New Yorkers interested in a career in advanced manufacturing afford the education and training necessary to land those jobs, and help employers fill their vacancies with skilled and capable workers.


Strengthening Central New York's economy

Our economy is recovering, but working families need support to help them keep more of their hard-earned money. That's why I fought for valuable tax breaks, as well as new policies to help the middle class.

We passed a budget that preserves the lowest middle-class tax rate in 60 years, which is a lower income tax rate for 99 percent of New Yorkers. We also set in motion an increase in the minimum wage, which will bring it to \$9 an hour by 2016. This raise in the minimum wage is vital because too many hardworking families in Central New York are struggling to make ends meet. No one who works full time should have to choose between basic necessities. By raising the minimum wage, we are helping minimum-wage workers from falling behind in the future. Our local businesses will also benefit from the extra money in the pockets of those most likely to spend it close to home.



The Assembly also passed legislation to finally provide equal pay for equal work regardless of gender. For far too long, women have earned less than their male counterparts for doing the same work and that's simply unfair. Our legislation would make it easier to enforce equal pay regulations and create a state policy to determine and define comparable work.



To sign up to donate blood or attend a free seminar, please contact my office at 452-1115.

7th Annual Lifesavers Fair and Blood Drive

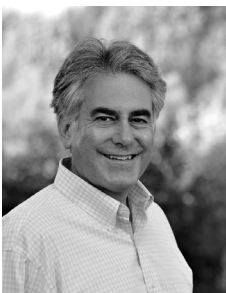
As the summer approaches, we must remember how important it is to donate blood. Growing up, I watched my father hold a blood drive in Clyde for over 25 years. He taught me that the Red Cross is in constant need of blood. In fact, blood donations decrease by 10-15 percent during the summer months, leading to blood shortages at a time of the year when blood is needed most. After many years of holding blood drives, my father needed a transfusion when he had open heart surgery. It is in

his memory that I am happy to announce plans for the 7th Annual Lifesavers Blood Drive & Health Fair.

This year's event will be held on July 16 from noon to 8 p.m. at Driver's Village in Cicero. The last time slot to give blood will be 7 p.m.

The fair will feature a blood drive as well as free health screenings, seminars, refreshments, live music and prizes. I hope you can join us.

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“ I’m working every day to represent the interests of all Central New Yorkers. There’s still a lot to do, but we’ve taken great strides to get our economy moving again. ” – Al Stirpe