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2012 PROGRESS REPORT FROM ASSEMBLYMAN BILL MAGNARELLI

Dear Neighbor,

I am pleased to report to you that the 2011-2012 Legislative Session was a very productive one. Together with Governor Cuomo, we got important things done that will not only boost New York's business climate, but will help individual families in the great Empire State. As a result, Central New York families will benefit from numerous new laws that will reduce their taxes, support their educational needs and keep their communities safer.

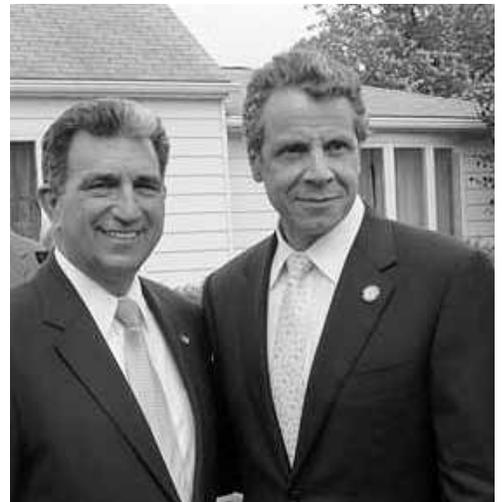
Reversing a distressing trend in the last few years, those of us in state government have taken great strides to make New York a better place to live, work and do business. Recently, the United States Chamber of Commerce released a report that ranks New York in the top 10 states for economic performance – an 11 spot boost since last year. These new initiatives have helped transform our approach to economic development, getting more families back to work and removing obstacles that once stalled growth.

You might have seen news articles recently ranking me as the NYS Assembly member who finished first by successfully passing the most legislation this past year. Although the accolades were appreciated, it is worth mentioning here that that is exactly what you send me to Albany to do.

I have always believed that it is an honor and a privilege to be elected to do the people's business. I also believe that in order to do that, we must work together, across party lines, in a congenial way to ultimately reach consensus. My legislative success this past year was with the help of many other legislators in both houses.

Sincerely,

Bill Magnarelli
Member of Assembly



Assemblyman Magnarelli and Governor Andrew Cuomo worked together to pass an on-time budget and to bring tax breaks to middle-class families, especially helping those in Central New York.

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Here's a list of bills passed by both Legislative Houses regarding:

Good Government Policies:

2012 -2013 State budget passed on-time, which closed the state's \$3.5 billion budget deficit without any new taxes, fees or gimmicks. This year's budget included measures to boost the economy and create jobs, all while holding spending under 2 percent.

Tax breaks for middle-class families:

The new income tax brackets established in December provide middle-class families with the lowest tax rate in 58 years, cutting taxes for 99 percent of New Yorkers. In addition, since April, our families have been enjoying a 4 percent state sales tax exemption on clothing, footwear and other such items under \$110.



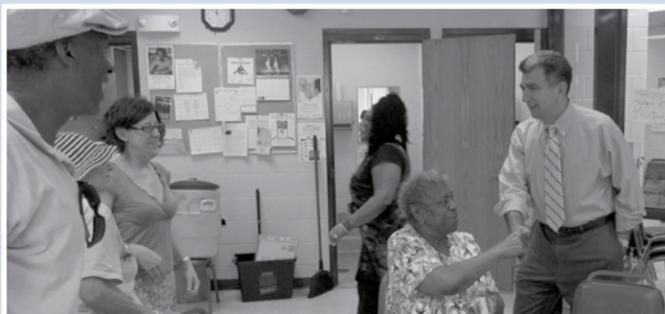
Assemblyman Magnarelli took time to share the importance of reading with Ms. Jennifer Bury's first grade class at the Cathedral Academy at Pompey School.

Commitment to our schools:

Continuing my commitment to give schools in my district the state aid needed to provide our children with a good education, I helped pass a state budget that increased school funding by \$805 million. These additional funds helped our schools stay within the property tax cap implemented last year. By providing schools with the resources they need, we better prepare our students for the jobs of the future and relieve the burden on the property tax. I also helped enact a new teacher evaluation disclosure system that will provide parents with the information they need while protecting teachers' privacy.

Increased community college aid:

New York's community colleges are the gateway to a quality education for many young adults. Recognizing that, I helped ensure the state budget increased community-college base aid for the first time in five years, helping hold the line on tuition to ensure that a college education remains affordable.



Assemblyman Magnarelli greeted members of the Northeast Community Center. Assemblyman Magnarelli secured funding for the center to buy a van to transport seniors to services in the community, doctor's appointments, and field trips with the center.

Protection of our most vulnerable:

(A.10721) I passed groundbreaking legislation to overhaul the treatment of over 1 million of our most vulnerable citizens in state-operated, certified or licensed facilities and programs. The Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs will help protect those with disabilities and special needs, increasing their safety and helping ease their families' minds. This legislation will help to ensure that abuse and neglect are not tolerated.

Expansion of DNA database:

(A.9555) Criminals will now have a harder time slipping through the cracks with the expansion of the DNA database, another law I helped pass to better protect families. Expanding the state's DNA database by adding to the list of offenses that require samples from convicted offenders will help our law enforcement keep dangerous criminals off the streets. The law also addresses the concerns and needs of the wrongfully convicted by giving them access to DNA testing and the DNA database, making sure they have the tools needed to exonerate themselves – but also helping law enforcement get the real criminal off the street.

Protecting our children:

(A.10713) I fought to keep our children safe from sexual predators by cracking down on online child pornography. A recent court ruling stated that simply viewing child pornography online didn't necessarily constitute possession of child porn – so we changed the law to reflect advances in technology and made it a class E felony to view child pornography online, making sure those who use the Internet to watch child porn don't evade the law. Another measure I helped pass was legislation to protect children from bullies. The measure cracks down on bullying and cyberbullying in our public schools by establishing a mandatory reporting system for all incidents of bullying. It also requires new training for certain school staff. Cyberbullying opens up a whole new realm for students who are subjected to bullying at school. **(A.10712)**

Strengthening domestic violence laws:

(A.10624) We also enhanced protections for victims of domestic violence this year. The new law better protects victims of domestic violence and cracks down on repeat offenders by establishing the crime of "Aggravated Family Offense" as a class E felony to ensure that defendants with a history of domestic violence who repeatedly commit misdemeanor offenses are prosecuted as felons – because if offenders continuously commit "low level" crimes, they're able to harass victims over and over again.

We also created a new class A misdemeanor of "Aggravated Harassment in the Second Degree," which is when a person causes physical injury to another person or to a family or household member of the person. Additionally, we granted courts the right to consider prior violations of an order of protection when determining the defendant's bail, ensuring that repeat offenders are subject to harsher penalties – up to four years in state prison – as opposed to the current maximum sentence of one year in the local jail.

Growing businesses and creating jobs:

(A.9336) Allows Onondaga County to expand its Foreign Trade Zone. This legislation amends the NYS County Law by authorizing Onondaga County to re-organize and expand the operative area of its Federal Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) at Hancock International Airport to include the neighboring counties of Madison, Oswego and Cayuga. The goal is to make it easier for companies in CNY to engage in foreign trade and exports.

(A.9737-A) Re-authorizes keeping New York Telecommunications Relay Center in Syracuse. The Public Service Law requires that the New York Telecommunications Relay Service Center be located in Syracuse, New York. This provision expires on June 1, 2013. This legislation extends this provision until 2018. The center in Syracuse currently employs about 200 people. If this legislation was not enacted, there was a substantial risk that these jobs could be outsourced when the current law expires.

(A.9110) Increases the maximum award available under the historic preservation tax code from \$5 million to \$12 million. CNY has its fair share of run-down or abandoned buildings that have become eyesores to the families that live here – and that sends a bad message to those seeking to do business here. This tax credit will jumpstart revitalization efforts and help turn these structures into new, usable and functioning buildings.

CNY Regional Development Council brings job creation to CNY

This spring, I was appointed by Assembly Speaker Silver to the Central New York Regional Development Council. As a member of this Council, I am committed to working together with the other members to submit another successful overall proposal to benefit our area. The 2012-2013 state budget includes up to \$750 million statewide which is available through twelve state agencies for a wide variety of potential projects. Projects that invest in our area, include job creation, and are within the parameters of our region's



Assemblyman Magnarelli met with Solvay-Geddes veterans and veterans from the Stanley B. Pennock VFW Post 2893 to give them a new flag for the Geddes Veterans Memorial. From left to right: Richard Lurricella, Mike Pederzoli, Jim Pirro, Michael Masterpole, Assemblyman Magnarelli, Bob Mancabelli, Peter Doyle, John Gosson, Pat Simiele and John Rittell.

strategic plan, will be identified by the Council and recommended for state capital funds or Excelsior Jobs Tax Credits. Last year, the Council submitted a plan which resulted in \$103.7 million being awarded to over 70 local projects. I look forward to participating in this year's project review process and continuing the exceptional work the Council achieved last year as evidenced by Governor Cuomo's announcement in December that Central New York was the recipient of the largest portion of state grant funds.

Veterans issues:

Veterans Mental Health and Chemical Dependency Act (A.9415): I helped pass legislation that requires the NYS Veterans' Affairs Commission to develop and update, in consultation with the Office of Mental Health, the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services, Department of Health and Department of Labor, a New York State interagency plan to improve outreach, assessment, and care for veterans and their families who are experiencing mental health and/or substance abuse problems.



Assemblyman Magnarelli poses with firefighters of Engine 3 from the Syracuse Fire Department.

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To help the American Red Cross as they experienced a critical shortage of blood during the summer months, Assemblyman Magnarelli held a Summer Blood Drive at Ray Middle School in Baldwinsville. Thanks to the generosity and compassion of the people in Baldwinsville and Van Buren, more than 60 pints of blood were donated at the event and will be used by the American Red Cross to help save lives.

What they are saying about Assemblyman Bill Magnarelli

WINNERS AND LOSERS, July 6, 2012

Blog written by City & State

“Winners: Bill Magnarelli and Catharine Young – Assemblyman Magnarelli and State Sen. Young made waves this week in Albany for something quite unusual – being the two lawmakers in each house who succeeded in passing the most legislation this year, per number guru Bill Mahoney’s NYPIRG (New York Public Interest Research Group) report. Neither one of them is prone to splashy displays otherwise, so this is basically a coup for modesty and hard work. Nice.”



Assemblyman Magnarelli speaks with David Nutting, President of VIP Structures, after part of the Bond Building was demolished to make space for a public court yard. This is part of the Pike Block Project, a \$25 million project designed to bring new residential and retail space to Downtown Syracuse.

Assemblyman Magnarelli hosts Community Outreach Events

- **Summer Reading Program** - Participants in Assemblyman Magnarelli’s 2012 Summer Reading Challenge include hundreds of children at thirteen schools in six local districts. The program encourages children to read and learn during the summer vacation.
- **Summer Blood Drive** – Assemblyman Magnarelli held a blood drive at Ray Middle School in Baldwinsville on July 31 to help the American Red Cross which had a critical need for blood this summer.



- **CNY Volunteer Fair** – Assemblyman Magnarelli will host this event on Tuesday, Sept. 18 at DestiNY USA. More than 50 non-profit and volunteer organizations will have representatives and information available about opportunities being offered. It’s also a wonderful opportunity for residents to find organizations in the community which they could help through a donation of their time and talents.



- **CNY Veterans Parade and Expo** – This year’s parade and expo will be held Saturday, Nov. 10 at the NYS Fairgrounds. The parade attracts more than 80 veterans organizations, active and reserve military members, including a large contingent from Fort Drum, and high school marching bands from throughout the Central New York area. The expo is a display of organizations and companies that offer opportunities and information to veterans and soldiers. It’s a great opportunity to come out and say “Thank You” to Central New York veterans and soldiers. For more information on any of these events, please call 428-9651 or email magnarw@assembly.state.ny.us