E-NEWSLETTER

ASSEMBLYMAN

KEITH P. BROWN

The State of the State

New York state Assemblyman Keith P. Brown (R,C-Northport) was in attendance at Gov. Hochul's State of the State Address. "It was a gratifying experience to reconvene in person without donning masks. It was refreshing to "put a face to the name" and to engage in meaningful discourse concerning the governance of New York State."

Governor Hochul State of the State Address

I was recently published in Newsday on March 3, 2023, expressing my disagreement with Gov. Hochul's New York Housing Compact Plan. The governor's heavy-handed, top-down policies undermine our local communities' sovereignty while simultaneously puts our natural environment at risk by removing SEQRA review that every other development project is required to undergo. My essay expressed how Gov. Hochul's housing plan should take a gentler, incentivized approach so the plan itself can be better embraced by communities on Long Island.

Furthermore, the governor's proposal to increase taxes on the MTA needs to be revised. The MTA requires significant change with its inability to operate efficiently and lack of transparency. It is unacceptable for our government to continue to bail out the MTA and invest huge amounts of taxpayers dollars into a public authority that has not been able to show a return on investment. Instead, we need innovative, long-term solutions to tackle the root causes of the spending holes and mismanagement of the MTA/LIRR.

Lastly, the governor's initiatives to combat climate change are not well thought out. These policies fail to consider the cost/benefit analysis of their implementation, or including the stepping stones necessary to reach the stated goals of a carbon-free economy.

We must take a principled stance against Gov. Hochul's misguided policies and work toward a more effective and sustainable approach to governance that is both responsive to the needs of our citizens and respectful of local autonomy.

Around Town

I offer my heartfelt congratulations to Kaitlyn Ruiter, a senior at Northport High School, for her remarkable achievement of earning a Grammy Award. Ms. Ruiter's exceptional contributions to the New York Youth Symphony album, dedication, passion and outstanding musical talent have provided an opportunity for this prestigious recognition and inspire all aspiring musicians. Her unwavering commitment to excellence is a testament to the power of hard work and perseverance. I am delighted to celebrate her exceptional accomplishment.

Kaitlyn Ruiter's Grammy Award is due to her exceptional talent and an unrelenting dedication to her craft. Her remarkable achievement is a source of inspiration and pride for all those who aspire to achieve greatness in their chosen field, and I offer her my deepest congratulations to her and her family on this momentous occasion.

Clean Water for All

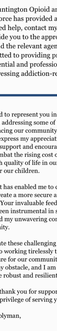
I had the honor of attending the Clean Water Forum & Breakfast in Albany, where state leaders addressed the pressing issue of access to clean water. It is undeniable that access to clean water is a basic human need rather than a luxury item, and, as such, it is incumbent upon us as a society to ensure this need is met. The public's bipartisan call for access to clean water must be satisfied with our utmost concern and attention, as it is an issue that affects each and every one of us.

I hope this forum will serve as a catalyst for action and we can work together to ensure clean water is accessible to all. By recognizing the critical importance of clean water and taking concrete steps to address this issue, we can ensure our children and future generations have access to this fundamental human need.

THINGS TO KNOW

Project Prom

The Town of Huntington and the Suffolk County Police Dept. 2nd Precinct are hosting a Prom Attire Collection Drive until April 12, 2023. A "Pop Up Prom Shoppe" will be held on April 26, 2023, where students can shop the collection for affordable formal attire. The initiative aims to support students who may need the means to purchase new clothing for their prom.



Opioid Referrals

The Huntington Opioid and Addiction Task Force has provided a contact list. If you need help, contact my office, and we will guide you to the appropriate agency. We (and the relevant agencies) are committed to providing prompt, confidential and professional assistance in addressing addiction-related concerns.

A Letter from Keith:

I am honored to represent you in the Assembly and to work toward addressing some of the most pressing challenges facing our community. With heartfelt gratitude, I express my appreciation for your unwavering support and encouragement during my efforts to combat the rising cost of living and crime and ensure a high quality of life in our community and education for our children.

Your support has enabled me to champion initiatives striving to create a more secure and prosperous community. Your invaluable feedback, insights and ideas have been instrumental in shaping my legislative priorities and my unwavering commitment to serving our community.

As we navigate these challenging times, I am committed to working tirelessly toward creating a brighter future for our community. Together, we can overcome any obstacle, and I am confident we will emerge more robust and resilient.

Once again, thank you for supporting and entrusting me with the privilege of serving you in the Assembly.

Your Assemblyman,

Meetings:

01/04/23 - CBH Substance Use Committee Monthly
01/05/23 - SCPD 1st Precinct Monthly Meeting
01/11/23 - American Legion Huntington Post 360
01/11/23 - Sons of Italy Perry Como Lodge
01/12/23 - Heroin Prevention Task Force
01/20/23 - Northport Harbor Dredge
02/01/23 - CBH Substance Use Committee Monthly Meeting
02/06/23 - SCPD 1st Precinct Monthly Meeting
02/07/23 - American Irish Legislators Society Annual Meeting
02/09/23 - Heroin Prevention Task Force Meeting
02/17/23 - Village of Northport Monthly Meeting
03/01/23 - CBH Substance Use Committee Monthly Meeting
03/06/23 - SCPD 1st Precinct Monthly Meeting
03/08/23 - Northport Drug and Alcohol Task Force
03/08/23 - NYS District Attorney's Association
03/09/23 - Environmental Conservation Committee
03/09/23 - Meeting with Town of Huntington
03/13/23 - LIPA Commission
03/16/23 - NY Conference of Italian-America State Legislators
03/16/23 - Heroin Prevention Task Force
03/20/23 - MTA Budget Proposal
03/21/23 - Judiciary Committee Meeting
03/21/23 - Mental Hygiene Conference Committee
03/24/23 - Northport Harbor Dredge Meeting
03/30/23 - Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day Learning Series Webinar

Events Attended:

01/05/23 - Swearing-in Ceremony
01/06/23 - Long Island Association State of the Region Breakfast
01/09/23 - Long Island Leaders Pre-State of the State Reception
01/10/23 - State of the State
01/14/23 - Ninth Annual NAACP Long Island Legacy Gala
01/18/23 - LI Ribbon Cutting
01/25/23 - One Water Legislative Breakfast
01/30/23 - LIPI Legislative Reception: 6pm - 8pm
02/14/23 - Huntersfields Board of Education Legislative Breakfast
02/16/23 - The Business Council Legislative Reception
02/18/23 - Town 56th Annual Land Use Institute National Conference
02/19/23 - Huntington Township Chamber Networking Breakfast
02/19/23 - The Energize Partnership's 13th Annual Graduation - Class of 2021
02/23/23 - United University Professors: Legislative Reception
02/24/23 - Tonto 56th Annual Land Use Institute National Conference: Virtual
02/26/23 - Tonto 2023 Alumni Winter Reception & Awards Program
03/02/23 - Dominican Restaurant Owner Presentation for Dominican Independence Day
03/03/23 - Grand Marshal Dinner, Brentwood St. Patrick's Day Parade
03/12/23 - Huntington St. Patrick's Day Parade
03/13/23 - American Irish Legislators Society Annual St. Patrick's Dinner
03/18/23 - Annual Change of Watch Ceremony
03/20/23 - Blood Drive Northport Public Library
03/24/23 - Irish American Heritage Celebration
03/25/23 - Coffee with Keith
03/26/23 - Memorial Park and Garden Ribbon Cutting, Constantine Brunoli Lodge #2211
03/30/23 - LI Bond Summit: Funding and Strategies to Tackle Local Water Pollution

Upcoming Events:

04/20/23 – Earth Day Panel Discussion – Tonto Law School – Institute for Sustainability and Land Use
04/21/23 – Co-Occurring Disorder Conference
04/22/23 – Spring Sporting Goods
05/16/23 - Veteran's Breakfast
05/16/23 - Pet Food Drive
05/24/23 – Shed the Meds
06/17/23 – Centerport Beach Cleanup
06/24/23 – Boater Safety Certification

Internship Opportunities

New York State Assemblyman Keith P. Brown's District Office is seeking students who have a strong work ethic and a passion for their community. Interns will have the opportunity to further their education in public service and local government while enhancing their administrative and writing abilities. If you are interested in an internship, please contact Jennifer Ritchie at ritchiej@nyassembly.gov.