



This week was a busy start to the end of this year's legislative session. I'm proud to share that three of my bills were passed by the State Assembly, while others were moved through the committee process. These bills would not have moved without the tremendous support of so many environmental and energy advocacy groups!

As always, read on for community events and updates, and continue to stay healthy and safe!

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## **LEGISLATIVE NEWS AND PRESS**

- **'30x30' Legislation I Sponsor Passed by State Assembly.** [After two years of hard work, the New York State Assembly passed my legislation this week establishing a #30x30 goal!](#) This will help improve our climate resiliency to extreme climate-related weather events, protect biodiversity, and aligns with President Joe Biden's plan to achieve a national 30x30 goal.
- **100% Electric Vehicle State Fleet Bill I Sponsor Passes State Assembly.** [🔗 This week we passed my legislation that will require New York State's vehicle fleet to become 100% electric!](#) The transportation sector is one of the largest contributors to carbon emissions, and having the state lead the way will help further accelerate our transition to EVs.
- **Advanced Building Codes and Efficiency Act of 2022 I Sponsor Passes Assembly.** [🏠 The New York Assembly also passed my Advanced Building Codes, Appliance, and Equipment Efficiency Standards Act this past week.](#) This bill will:
  - add the implementation of the state's climate mandates set forth under the CLCPA to the state energy conservation construction code
  - increase the efficiency and energy standards of appliances and equipment
  - deliver a projected \$15 billion of total utility bill savings by 2035 for New York consumers, including an estimated \$6 billion in total utility bill savings for low-to-moderate-income households

This bill will cost consumers nothing and ensure that they're receiving the most savings possible under the new standards.

- **Albany Skyway Officially Opens!** [As Governor Hochul noted, it is the “skyway to the future,” and I hope it will be just the start of reclaiming Albany’s waterfront!](#)
- **\$750M Wadsworth Labs Consolidation and Upgrade Awarded First Contract in Project.** 🏢 [It’s official! New York’s world-renowned Wadsworth Public Health Laboratory will have a world-class home right here in the Capital Region.](#) Today marks the first contract awarded for the \$750M upgrade, and will concretely establish our area as a life sciences hub and core. I was proud to lead the effort to keep the Wadsworth Laboratory here in Albany, and proud to have secured this funding in this year's state budget to make the project a reality alongside a coalition of local and state leaders. Read more about [Wadsworth’s development here](#), and read more about [my push on this issue here](#).
- **New American and Immigrant Access to Adult Education Programming Bill Voted out of Committee.** 🗳️ [Proud that legislation I sponsor was advanced out of the Labor Committee today that will help to improve access to adult education programs for New Americans and immigrants](#)—and how we connect more New Yorkers to these opportunities.
- **Complete Streets Funding Bill I Sponsor Moved out of Committee.** [Legislation I sponsor that would raise the state's share of funding directed to 'Complete Streets' projects that local governments and municipalities are undertaking moved out of the Transportation Committee this past week](#), and I look forward to advocating for its full passage on the Assembly floor before the end of session. Complete streets help to build stronger, more connected communities, boost local economies, and allow our small businesses to thrive. Here's an example of what a complete street would look like:
- **Pass the Hunger Free Campus Act This Session.** 🎓 [No student should have to grapple with food insecurity as they pursue higher education.](#) I’m proud to join University at Albany, SUNY’s Purple Pantry, students, and more this past week to call for passage of the Hunger Free Campus Act.
- **Assembly Banks Committee Meeting Held.** 🗳️ [In this past week's Assembly Banks Committee meeting](#), we advanced bills that will expand financial services in underbanked communities and tackle predatory and out-of-control overdraft fees levied on consumers.
- **New York Attorney General James Joins Lawsuit Against USPS for New Gas-Powered Vehicles.** 🗳️ [Thank you to New York State Attorney General Tish James for joining this lawsuit.](#) If we're going to make tangible progress on #ClimateAction and transportation-sector-related emissions, we need the federal government and the US Postal Service to lead—not set us back years.
- **Albany County Issues Indoor Mask Recommendation Due to Rising COVID-19 Rates.** 🤧 [Due to the high number of #COVID19 cases in our area, the Albany County](#)

[Department of Health is now strongly recommending](#) that a face mask be worn in public places and private businesses. Let's keep each other and our communities safe.

- **Recognizing Yom HaShoah.** [Yom HaShoah, or Holocaust Remembrance Day, is a day for us to pause and reflect upon the brutality and banality of Nazi Germany's attempt to erase the Jewish people in the Holocaust.](#) At a time when knowledge of the Holocaust, especially among young people, is at an all time low, we have an obligation not just to remember, but to educate on the evils of Nazism, fascism, and hate.
- **Recognizing Workers' Memorial Day.** [This past Thursday was International Workers' Memorial Day—a day to remember all of the workers who have lost their lives or been injured on the job.](#) All workers, especially amidst a deadly pandemic, have a right to safe and healthy working conditions. #IWMD2022

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### ***ICYMI: IN CASE YOU MISSED IT***

- **ICYMI: Port of Albany Awards \$43M Contract in Offshore Wind Tower Factory.** [The Port of Albany approved a contract to begin work on the nation's first Offshore Wind Manufacturing Tower right here in the Capital Region.](#) I'm proud to have worked alongside the Port to show that a strong, green economy that support good jobs is not just possible, but the future.
- **ICYMI: New Albany Institute for History and Art Executive Director.** [Dr. Kristen Oehrich will take over as new Executive Director at the Albany Institute for History and Art on June 1st, following her appointment by the Institute's board. Learn more about her, the Institute, and more here.](#)

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### ***COMMUNITY EVENTS + RESOURCES***

- **New New York Leaders: Student Intern Program.** Student Intern Program provides a centralized location to access all New York State government internships.

The Student Intern Program welcomes applications from students attending undergraduate and graduate programs at colleges and universities throughout New York State, as well as New York State residents studying elsewhere. Each intern works in a particular area within a New York State executive branch agency or department, and has opportunities to:

- Gain valuable experience
- Interact with government leaders and policymakers
- Perform rewarding and meaningful work
- Receive academic credit

Learn more about these opportunities and apply here: <https://nysinternships.cs.ny.gov/nnyl/#5>

- **Join the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center for I Love My Park Day on May 7th.** 🌲 Mark your calendars and join Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on May 7th for I Love My Park Day!
- **'Love Your Block' Program via the City of Albany.** Have a project to uplift your street? Apply for a mini-grant from a new City Program. Application and more info here: <https://www.albanyny.gov/2024/Love-Your-Block> or call 518-434-3026.
- **Looking for a Job or New Career?** [The easiest way to find jobs available in the Capital Region is on Gannon's List, which you can find here.](#)
- **Need Help Paying Your Water or Wastewater Bills?** 🗣️ [Do you need help with paying your drinking water bills/wastewater service bills? New York's #LIHWAP may be able to help.](#) Apply here and see if you're eligible: [www.otda.ny.gov/programs/water-assistance](http://www.otda.ny.gov/programs/water-assistance)
- **New Affordable Connectivity Program Can Help With Monthly Internet Costs.** 🖥️ Did you know the new Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) can help you pay up to \$30 of your monthly internet service bill? Check it out and see if you might qualify for the benefit: [acpbenefit.org](http://acpbenefit.org)
- **Important SNAP Program Changes.** 🍲 [New changes to NY's #SNAP program include providing a new one-page application form,](#) allowing older NYers to recertify their benefits for 36 months instead of 24 months, and eliminating the interview requirement for recertification. Learn more and apply for SNAP [here](#).
- **All New Yorkers Able to Receive COVID-19 Booster Shot.** 📍 [All New Yorkers are now eligible to receive their #COVID19 booster shot.](#) Capital Region — get yours today at Crossgates Mall in the old Lord & Taylor store or find a community clinic here: [www.bit.ly/albanycountyclinics](http://www.bit.ly/albanycountyclinics)
- **New York Small Business Recovery Grant Program Reminder.** 📞 [New York's small business recovery grant program is open for applications to help cover COVID-19 pandemic-related expenditures.](#) For more information and to apply, visit: [www.nysmallbusinessrecovery.com](http://www.nysmallbusinessrecovery.com)

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### **PODCAST: *The Fahy Files: What Makes the NY Capital Work (Or Not!) -- Connecting in a Time of Chaos***

- To highlight some of the individuals in the Capital Region who exemplify what it means to remain connected within our community and cope with the chaos of the past year, I've launched a new series of my podcast *The Fahy Files*, 'Connecting in a Time of Chaos'.

Listen to our **first 6** (3 of these are featured below) **episodes** from this year so far on [Apple Podcasts](#), [Spotify](#), [SoundCloud](#), or wherever you listen to your podcasts!

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For more on my work in the state legislature, please visit my official [Assembly website](#), [Facebook page](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), or [Medium](#) to stay updated in 2021 and beyond! As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to my office with any questions or concerns during this time at [fahyp@nyassembly.gov](mailto:fahyp@nyassembly.gov) or **(518) 455-4178**.

Sincerely,

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