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## Assemblyman Angelo Santabarbara

### Working for families in upstate NY



Dear friends and neighbors,

From the hardworking families who fuel the state's agricultural industry to historic tourist destinations that bring new visitors, our rural communities help boost our economy and shaped New York into what it is today. As chair of the Legislative Commission on Rural Resources, I'm working to ensure our upstate communities receive the resources and support we need. Some of my top priorities this year include increasing broadband access and upstate cellular coverage, establishing a rural ambulance task force to protect the health and safety of our families and flood prevention measures to protect our communities.

Our upstate communities have unique needs—and for me, they will always come first.

Your friend,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Angelo".

Assemblyman  
Angelo Santabarbara



Representing areas of Albany, Montgomery  
and Schenectady Counties

# Assemblyman Angelo Santabarbara: Fighting for resources important to our communities



Assemblyman Santabarbara holds a hearing on rural resources at the State Capitol

The Daily Gazette Thursday, December 29, 2019

## Assemblyman seeks rural ambulance task force



### Supporting rural ambulance services

In rural areas, these services not only respond to emergencies, these ambulance services provide life-saving medical care in remote communities where weather and road conditions can significantly increase travel times to medical facilities. Ambulance services are also facing a shortage of EMTs and paramedics. Assemblyman Santabarbara is working to establish a stabilization fund for these critical services and has authored legislation to establish a Rural Ambulance Task Force to evaluate and recommend solutions for these providers (A.8397-A).

### Protecting farmland and public health

The loss of valuable farmland not only affects rural communities, it also poses significant risks to public health, water sources and our environment. To protect some of the country's most vulnerable natural resources, Assemblyman Santabarbara has introduced legislation protecting our farmland here in upstate New York (A.7808-A).



### Combating Lyme disease and tick-borne illnesses



To safeguard public health against Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses, Assemblyman Santabarbara helped establish a working group to study best practices for diagnosis, treatment and prevention and helped pass a law requiring tick warning signs at state parks (Ch. 337, 354 of 2018). Assemblyman Santabarbara also introduced a bill to help research a Lyme Disease vaccine (A.1345) and partnered with the state Department of Health and Cornell Cooperative Extension to bring Lyme disease prevention workshops to our communities.

### Flood prevention and protection

Year after year, floods put the health and safety of families at risk, causing millions of dollars in property damage. Assemblyman Santabarbara, who is a civil engineer, helped identify and secure the funding needed to research effective mitigation measures that could save millions in future recovery costs. His work includes addressing the historic ice jams that cause annual flooding in our upstate communities along the Mohawk River.



### Expanding broadband access

The New NY Broadband Program invested funding to provide broadband coverage in all areas of the state. However, many rural communities were left out. To help ensure the state remains committed to providing broadband in rural areas, Assemblyman Santabarbara is working to establish a broadband fund dedicated specifically for our upstate communities.



### Closing the upstate cellular coverage gap

Reliable cellphone coverage is no longer a luxury – it's a necessity for our everyday lives as well as a matter of safety. As a member of the Upstate Cellular Coverage Task Force, Assemblyman Santabarbara's work helped identify cellular gap areas and effective solutions.

