



END OF SESSION UPDATE FROM ASSEMBLYMEMBER

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Dear Neighbor,

With the 2026 legislative session now complete, I'm proud to report that we delivered meaningful progress for Central New York. We secured important investments in education, childcare, workforce development, health care, veterans' services and affordability, while advancing legislation to strengthen consumer protections, improve public safety and support our local communities.

The work continues. Among my priorities are modernizing New York's sex offender risk assessment process so decisions are based on validated, accurate tools (A.8930A), and advancing legislation to establish clear standards for the use of Automatic License Plate Reader systems while protecting privacy and ensuring proper oversight (A.10808).

I'm also looking forward to spending the coming months out in the community. My office is hosting and sponsoring several free events throughout the summer and fall, including the 315 Concert Series in Downtown Syracuse and on Westcott Street. I hope you'll join us, enjoy some great local entertainment and take the opportunity to connect with neighbors from across our community.

As always, my office is here to serve you. Please reach out whenever you need assistance, have a question or would like to share your thoughts about the issues that matter most to you and your family.

Warm wishes,

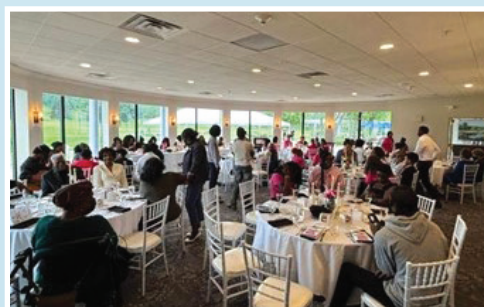
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2026 Community Events



PGR Foundation, Inc. Graduation Ceremony

6/9- I was honored to attend the PGR Foundation, Inc. Class of 2026 Graduation Celebration & Award Recognition Ceremony and receive the Community Leaders Recognition Award. PGR Foundation does incredible work mentoring young people ages 6–18 and helping them become “Poised, Gifted, and Ready” for the world through leadership development, community service, self-care, and hands-on opportunities.



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Visiting the Future Smokey Hollow Community Site



6/16- I had the opportunity to visit the proposed future site of Smokey Hollow Community and learn more about the vision behind this IDD housing community in Syracuse. The goal is to expand safe, affordable, and integrated housing opportunities for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Summer Clothing Giveaway for Students at Dr. King Elementary School

6/17- Had a blast at STEAM at Dr. King Elementary School sending students off into the summer with brand new summer clothes and supplies provided by Upstate Health. I also toured their on site wellness facility that provides a wide range of care for students and their families.



Jamesville-Dewitt Little League's Opening Day

5/2- I had a great time at Jamesville-Dewitt Little League's Opening Day ceremony. Wishing everyone a fun and safe season!



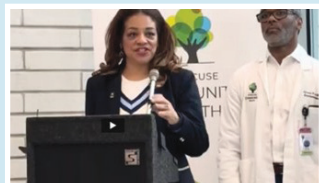
Annual Women Veterans Appreciation Day

5/28- I had the honor of hosting the Annual Women Veterans Appreciation Day celebration in Albany, something I've proudly done throughout my time serving in the New York State Assembly. As a woman veteran myself, it's especially meaningful to spend time with fellow women veterans, connect them with resources, and recognize their incredible service to our nation and our communities.



Standing with New York's Community Health Centers

4/2- I stood with my friends at Syracuse Community Health calling on the Governor and my colleagues in the legislature to fully fund Community Health Centers like SCH, who do lifesaving work in our communities every single day. Contact your representatives and let them know we can't afford to make cuts to Community Health Centers.



Tour of Salvation Army's Emergency Family Shelter

4/14- I had the opportunity to tour The Salvation Army's Emergency Family Shelter on South Warren Street in Syracuse. Grateful to the team for their work supporting families in need. With six departments and more than 30 programs serving all



ages, their impact on our community is significant. Thank you for your partnership and compassion.

Women in Nature Workshop

4/25- We had a great time at the Women in Nature Workshop Day hosted by the Onondaga County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs at the Dewitt Fish & Game Club. It was wonderful to see so many people enjoying the outdoors, learning new skills, and connecting. Thank you to everyone who made it possible.



Advocating for the Sex Trade Survivors Justice & Equality Act

4/28- In Albany, we called for passing the The Sex Trade Survivors Justice and Equality Act, my bill that would strengthen accountability for sex buyers and ensure survivors of the sex trade get the support they need (A.1465).



Read Across America Day Celebration at Long Branch Elementary School

3/6- I had a blast reading to students at Long Branch Elementary in the Liverpool Central School District in celebration of Read Across America Day! I read Grumpy Monkey. We learned its okay to be grumpy sometimes. We practiced our grumpy faces.



Veterans Suicide Awareness & Remembrance Flag Presentation

3/19- I was honored to participate in the ceremonial presentation of the Veterans Suicide Awareness and Remembrance (SAR) Flag in Albany. This flag is a powerful reminder of the sacrifices our veterans have made and the urgent need to support their mental health and well-being. We remember. We honor. We will continue to act.



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Panel on Lead Pipe Replacement

2/13- As part of the New York State Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic, and Asian Legislative Caucus weekend, I was proud to host a panel discussion, "Syracuse Was the Warning: Why New York Must Mandate Full Lead Pipe Replacement."

Thank you to Oceanna Sylvester Fair, Nicholas Loh, Lanessa Owens-Chaplin of the New York Civil Liberties Union, and Rob Hayes for sharing their expertise. Our discussion focused on the ongoing lead crisis in Syracuse and the urgent need to ensure families across New York have safe drinking water and lead free homes. There is still much work to do, and I remain committed to addressing this crisis at the state level.



Valentines for Veterans at Syracuse VA Medical Center

2/6- It was wonderful to return to the Syracuse VA Medical Center to deliver handmade Valentine's Day gifts created by my office as part of my annual Valentine's for Vets effort. This year was especially meaningful because it was the first time since the pandemic that I was able to go inside the facility and spend time with my fellow veterans.



Valentine's Day is a great reminder to show our veterans a little extra appreciation. I encourage everyone to check in, reach out, and let them know they are valued, not just on holidays, but every day.

Conversations with MACNY

2/24- I had the opportunity to address MACNY, The Manufacturers Association and speak about the critical role small manufacturers play in strengthening our local economy. From apprenticeships to workforce development, these businesses are creating real pathways to good-paying careers. I am proud to work alongside MACNY to support programs like Real Life Rosies, which expands opportunities for women in manufacturing and helps build the next generation of skilled workers. When we invest in workforce development, we invest in our future.



Speaking with the Boys & Girls Club of Syracuse

2/18- I had the privilege of visiting the Boys & Girls Clubs of Syracuse on East Fayette Street to speak during their staff development day. I'm so grateful for the work they do every day to support, mentor, and uplift our young people. The safe spaces, guidance, and opportunities they provide make a real difference in the lives of families across our community. I've been a proud supporter of the Boys and Girls Club for years, and I will continue to stand with them as they invest in the next generation.



Senior Bingo at Barrett Dewitt Apartments in East Syracuse

2/26- We hosted a BINGO night with the seniors at Barrett DeWitt Apartments in East Syracuse, and it was such a great time. There is nothing better than seeing neighbors come together, sharing laughs, a little friendly competition, and building community. Our seniors deserve opportunities like this, simple, fun, and free ways to connect with one another. A big thank you Barb Genesee for partnering with us to make this event possible. We are grateful for your support and for everything you do for our community.



Eagle Scout Ceremony

1/8- I had the honor of giving the invocation at the Scouting America, Longhouse Council's Annual Dinner. Over the last year, I've had a number of opportunities to see firsthand the incredible work these young scouts and the adults who support them do in our community. Thank you for your leadership and dedication to service. Congratulations to all the newest Eagle Scouts!



Southwood Fire Dept. Installation Banquet

1/24- We always look forward to attending this event and make a point to be at every firefighter installation banquet we are invited to each year. Supporting our local fire departments matters, especially when so many of these men and women volunteer countless hours on top of their full-time jobs to keep our communities safe. Their commitment and service never go unnoticed. It was great to spend the evening with the dedicated members of the Southwood Volunteer Fire Department. Thank you for all that you do.



Legislative and Budget Wins for Central New York

As this year’s legislative session came to a close, I was proud to help advance legislation and budget priorities that deliver real results for Central New York. This table highlights some of the key bills, investments, and initiatives I fought for to support veterans, strengthen consumer protections, invest in education and workforce development, improve public safety, and help make life more affordable for families and communities across our region. This is not a full list, but it captures some of the session’s key highlights.

While this table captures many of the major highlights from this year’s session, it reflects a broader commitment to delivering practical results that improve people’s lives. From supporting veterans and protecting access to health care to securing investments in schools, workforce development, and community programs, I remain focused on making sure Central New York gets the resources, attention, and advocacy it deserves.

Priority Area	What Was Delivered
Veterans	Advanced A5578A to expand property tax relief eligibility for veterans who served on submarines or classified missions, A6084A to connect veterans with job opportunities, A6037A to create a veterans peer support program, and A8477 to establish a women veterans peer support program. The enacted 2026-27 State Budget also included funding for the Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project, Helmets to Hardhats, SAGEVets, Boys & Girls State programs, and Syracuse University’s D’Aniello Institute for Veterans and Military Families.
Education & Childcare	Helped secure major investments through the enacted 2026-27 State Budget, including \$39 billion in school aid, \$27.4 billion in Foundation Aid, \$3 billion for childcare subsidies, \$116 million for after-school programs, and funding for On Point for College.
Health Care	Protected Medicaid coverage for biomarker testing in the enacted 2026-27 State Budget, preserving access to a critical tool for identifying effective treatments for cancer and other serious illnesses. Also supported the AMSNY Diversity in Medicine Program.
Affordability & Retirement Security	Helped deliver important relief and reforms through the enacted 2026-27 State Budget, including Tier 6 retirement reforms, \$1 billion in POWER Checks to help with utility costs, and auto insurance reforms aimed at cracking down on fraud and protecting consumers.
Consumer Protection & Insurance	Advanced A6465 to protect disability insurance policyholders, A11164 to create stronger oversight for pet insurance, A11411 to establish a framework for travel insurance, A10987 to update insurance producer licensing exam standards, A8030A to clarify flood insurance requirements for home equity loans, and A11367 to support stability in the property and casualty insurance market.
Local & Regional Needs	Advanced A10112 to extend Syracuse’s deer management program, A11008 to extend detention agreements between the Oneida Indian Nation and Madison and Oneida counties, A11297 to help the Liverpool Fire Department address recruitment challenges, and A10633 to allow targeted deer management permits in the Northern Zone.
Public Safety & Social Services	Advanced A8930A to modernize New York’s sex offender risk assessment process using validated tools and A6448 to improve the public assistance conciliation process by focusing on re-engagement and stability.
Workforce & Economic Development	Supported funding in the enacted 2026-27 State Budget for Real Life Rosies, CenterState CEO, the Displaced Homemaker Program, and workforce development initiatives across Central New York.
Community Support	Secured funding through the enacted 2026-27 State Budget for the Settlement House Program, helping provide childcare, homework assistance, job training, and summer youth employment for low-income families.

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“During this year’s legislative session, I fought hard to secure crucial resources for our communities to help make our state more affordable for our families.”

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