



# ASSEMBLYMAN BILL MAGNARELLI

## 2013 PROGRESS REPORT

*Dear Neighbor:*

*For the third consecutive year, the New York State Legislature approved an on-time state budget.*

*I am pleased to report that the 2013-14 State Budget will help middle-class families, bolster the upstate business climate and create jobs. We have restored funding in this budget that will protect the most vulnerable among us and protect health care for our seniors. And, I am especially proud that more services for our veterans have been instituted to promote and support soldiers as they return home.*

*In the 2012 legislative session, I was ranked first by NYPIRG as the Assemblymember who passed the most bills into law. This year, I am proud to announce that according to the NYPIRG analysis, I ranked number 2 among my Assembly colleagues for the most legislation sent to Governor Cuomo's desk.*

*What my success indicates is that the culture of Albany is to get things done, to compromise for the good of the people of New York State, and to represent the constituents of our home districts with hard work and results.*

*Sincerely,*

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Magnarelli".

*Bill Magnarelli  
Member of Assembly*



### **An Opportunity Lost**

by Assemblyman Bill Magnarelli

My one big disappointment was the failure to pass the Women's Equality Act in both houses. The Assembly, in an effort to ensure women have equal rights in all aspects of their lives, passed A.8070, the Women's Equality Act. The act contains 10 sweeping reforms to bring fairness to the women of New York, some of which include women's health and reproductive rights, equal pay, stronger penalties for human trafficking, and increased protections for victims of domestic violence. This vital piece of legislation had the support of Governor Cuomo; however, it stalled in the NYS Senate. I will continue to fight for this legislation.

## Tax breaks for middle-class families

The legislature approved an extension of the middle-class personal income tax reduction for 3 years, making it the lowest rate in 60 years. Also, working families, those with incomes between \$40,000 and \$300,000, will benefit from a \$350 tax credit per child to help offer relief with the continually rising costs of raising a child.

## Keeping the STAR property tax benefit viable

In order to help eliminate fraud and abuse of the STAR program, homeowners are required to re-register with the state Department of Taxation and Finance in the fall of 2013 to be able to receive the Basic STAR school property exemption in 2014. Senior citizens receiving the Enhanced STAR exemption will not be required to re-register, but will need to apply to the local assessor to participate in the Income Verification Program.

## Creating Jobs and Cutting Taxes



## A victory for hardworking men and women

The legislature successfully raised the minimum wage to \$9 an hour by 2016. This change will put more money in the pockets of those most likely to spend locally, jump-starting consumer spending and helping to spur our local economy.

## Investing in our schools

The budget provides \$21.2 billion in aid for schools statewide, an increase of \$936.6 million over last year and \$436 million over the Executive Budget. The budget also increases community college base aid by \$150 per Full Time Equivalent student for the second year in a row and includes \$25 million for full-day and half-day pre-kindergarten grants.



# ESS REPORT

## Restoring cuts to programs for the developmentally disabled

The Legislature restored essential funding—up to \$90 million—to non-profits that provide vital services to New York’s developmentally disabled and their families. This was the right thing to do, as individuals with developmental disabilities and their families need these services—their quality of life literally depends on it.



## Providing for our veterans

The budget includes tax credits to boost employment among post-September 11th veterans, many of whom are suffering joblessness. A newly established veterans’ tax credit for businesses that hire veterans is worth 10% of the wages paid to a qualified veteran during the first full year of employment or 15% of the wages if the veteran is disabled.

## Regional Economic Development Councils

The Central New York Council, of which I am a member, was a top performer in the first two rounds receiving over \$200 million to provide direct assistance to business, not-for-profits and community organizations. Some of the local employers and projects receiving awards include SUNY-ESF, Syracuse Center of Excellence, St. Joseph’s Hospital, SUNY Upstate, Crouse Hospital, Cooper Crouse Hinds, CNY Inland Depot and the Syracuse Inner Harbor. The current round of awards will also designate local business incubators as “Innovation Hot Spots” and allow high-tech start-up businesses to receive incentives. The goal is to continue to bring needed economic development resources to Syracuse and Central New York.



## Bringing new business and jobs to upstate

START-UP NY will transform our university and college campuses into tax-free communities, attracting new business and new jobs. Qualifying companies will pay no business, corporate, sales or property taxes for 10 years and employees of these companies will not pay income taxes for at least 5 years.



## Helping our seniors

This year’s budget includes protections for our seniors through the allocation of \$195.9 million in EPIC funding, which affords low-cost, life-saving prescription drugs, protecting their health and well-being.

## Assemblyman Magnarelli hosts Community Outreach Events

### Summer Reading Program

The program encourages children to read and learn during the summer vacation. This year's participants include hundreds of children from 13 schools in six local school districts. For more information, please visit: [www.summerreadingnys.org](http://www.summerreadingnys.org).



### Annual Summer Blood Drive

Partnering with the American Red Cross, Assemblyman Magnarelli hosted his annual blood drive on **July 23** at the **Solvay-Geddes Community Youth Center**. During the summer, the Red Cross typically experiences a critical need for blood donations.



**Tuesday, Sept. 17, 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**  
**Destiny USA, 3rd Floor Canyon area**

More than 50 non-profit and volunteer organizations will have representatives and information available highlighting opportunities for individuals to make a difference in our community.

## CNY Veterans Parade and Expo

**Saturday, Nov. 9 at NYS Fairgrounds; Parade at noon and Expo from 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.**

**For more information on these events or if you have any questions or concerns, please contact Assemblyman Magnarelli's office at 428-9651, or email him at: [magnarw@assembly.state.ny.us](mailto:magnarw@assembly.state.ny.us)**

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 is a great opportunity to come out and say "Thank You" to Central New York veterans and soldiers.

