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Dear Neighbor:

As we enter the summer and fall months, I'm looking forward to spending more time in the district after the last few months in Albany, including a special session at the end of June to respond to the recent Supreme Court rulings. I'm excited to share with you that this year's legislative session was one of my most successful, with over 25 of my bills passing in the Assembly. Throughout session, I was also successful in fighting against legislation that would negatively impact Rocklanders. Earlier this year, I worked to voice residents' concerns over the accessory dwelling proposal that was ultimately removed from this year's budget.

As the Assembly session concludes in Albany, I'm excited to spend more time in the district and get back outside this summer and fall. This year, there will be even more options to get outside, as we recently opened a new outdoor fitness court in Haverstraw and pickleball courts in Clarkstown. These new facilities will allow more people to stay active and enjoy the warm weather.

There's a lot planned this summer and fall in the towns and villages across our district, from street fairs to summer concerts, that I encourage residents to take advantage of. I hope to see you out there in the months ahead.



Assemblyman Zebrowski Again Among Most Effective Legislators

The 2022 legislative session was Assemblyman Zebrowski's most productive yet, passing 27 bills in the Assembly, with 22 that passed both houses and will be sent to the Governor for review. This places him in the top 5% of members in bills passed this year. Among the important legislation passed are bills that:

- Direct a study of all dormant or soon to be dormant power plants and how they can be repurposed for renewable energy siting (A340A)
- Allow local governments to require local judges to be attorneys; currently local judges are not required to be admitted to the bar (A1031)
- Restore oversight of state contracts to the State Comptroller, allowing for additional pre-audits of contracts to ensure they are bid appropriately (A7925A)
- Create the Commission of the Deaf, Deafblind, and Hard of Hearing, providing a one stop location in State government where these communities can access available services and resources (A6710)
- Provide a statewide property tax exemption for volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers and removes limitations in existing tax exemptions in order to provide volunteers enhanced benefits (A10155)
- Close loopholes for code enforcement officer training by requiring a minimum amount of training prior to assuming the role, shortening the amount of time to complete training and prohibiting the employment of an individual who has a revoked or invalid certification (A276)

Alyssa's Law Signed by Governor



As we continue to see tragedy unfold at schools across the country, panic alarms are an important step to ensure swift notification of first responders and emergency services. In June, Gov. Hochul signed Alyssa's Law, sponsored by Assemblyman Zebrowski, which will require schools to consider the installation of panic alarms when reviewing their school safety plans.

The bill is named after Alyssa Alhadeef, who was killed at Parkland High School in 2018. Since the shooting, her family has championed the passage of Alyssa's Law. The tireless advocacy of Alyssa's mother Lori, her cousin Jady, and their family was crucial in getting this bill passed and signed into law, which will continue to honor Alyssa's memory. I thank Governor Hochul for taking action and signing this bill into law that will make our schools safer for students across New York.

In the District

Pickleball Courts Opened in Clarkstown



Pickleball continues to grow in popularity here in Rockland County, and Assemblyman Zebrowski worked with the Town of Clarkstown to secure a \$500,000 grant to bring nine new pickleball courts to Congers Lake Park. These new courts will allow more residents to get out and play, and they were quickly filled following the opening. Funds were also used to open a snack stand that will be operated by Bridges.

Section of Route 304 Renamed After Rockland County Clerk Paul Piperato



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Haverstraw Outdoor Fitness Court Unveiled



A new outdoor fitness court in Haverstraw will make it even easier to get outside and exercise. Assemblyman Zebrowski worked alongside Senator James Skoufis, Haverstraw Mayor Kohut, and local officials to secure \$100,000 in state grant funds for the project. The new fitness court, located next to the Haverstraw Community Center, includes several workout stations and workout plans accessible through a QR code. Local fitness instructors will also serve as ambassadors to train residents on how to use the facility and conduct workout classes.

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Attorney General Tish James Visits District



Assemblyman Zebrowski welcomed Attorney General Tish James to the district in July to meet with area officials and local groups. They began the day at the Rockland Pride Center for a tour of the Nyack space and to hear about the future renovations that are on the way, including an elevator that Assemblyman Zebrowski secured funding for. The group also met with board members, staff, and participants in the center's services, who spoke about the programs available there.

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At the end of June, the Supreme Court announced several decisions that could directly impact New Yorkers. Assemblyman Zebrowski returned to the Capitol for an extraordinary session called by the Governor to pass legislation in response. Earlier in this session, the Assembly passed a comprehensive gun safety package, including raising the age of purchase for long guns to 21 and requiring a license, improving the

proactive red flag law, and prohibiting the possession of large capacity magazines.

After the overturning of New York's 100-year-old concealed carry law, the Assembly passed new legislation to strengthen the permitting process, prohibit firearms in sensitive areas, expand safe storage laws, and create an ammunition database. Assemblyman Zebrowski debated parts of the bill on the Assembly floor as Chair of the Governmental Operations Committee.

The Assembly also passed the Equality Amendment to the New York State Constitution. This amendment will constitutionally prevent discrimination based on race, color, ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, creed, religion, and sex, including sexual orientation, gender identity, and expression. In light of the recent overturning of Roe v. Wade, it will also protect reproductive rights by constitutionally protecting against discrimination based on pregnancy, pregnancy outcomes, and reproductive care decisions. To become law, the measure must pass both houses of the legislature again in the next legislative session before it goes before voters as a ballot referendum.