



END-OF-SESSION RECAP FROM

ASSEMBLYWOMAN

Carrie Woerner

Dear friends,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family well and enjoying the wonderful summer season. Whether it's an afternoon at one of our local lakes or pools, a visit to a farmers' market, a day at the races or an evening under the stars listening to great music, our region has an abundance of places and events to make the season memorable.

Now that our work has wrapped up in Albany for this year, I'm happy to be getting back out into the many great neighborhoods that make up the 113th Assembly District. I've been meeting with constituents, visiting our libraries, touring local farms and spending a few evenings on the lawn at SPAC.

This newsletter summarizes the work I've done for our communities during this year's legislative session. I look forward to seeing you at one of our many fairs, festivals and farm markets.

All the best,

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LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

I passed 18 pieces of legislation during the 2025 Legislative Session. Here are a few highlights:

Passed Both Houses

- ✓ To expand housing for veterans, I spearheaded a bill that would allow the Veterans & Community Housing Coalition (VCHC) **to build new housing units for veterans** (A.7312). I secured agreements from state agencies to transfer unused land, formerly the Wilton Development Center Property, to VCHC.
- ✓ To support our conservation and sportsmen's organizations, for the sixth year in a row, I pushed for legislation to **allow the use of crossbows in big game season statewide** (A.8330-A). Crossbows will enable seniors with disabilities to participate in the hunting season while helping to keep the deer population under control.
- ✓ **My constituents will always be my highest priority.** After speaking with an ER nurse and consulting research on increasing workplace assaults with limited police reports, I developed legislation to allow assaulted healthcare workers to make a report at their workplace rather than the police station (A.6055-A).

Passed the Assembly

- ✓ To expand the life-saving gifts of organ donation, I developed a bill to facilitate **Eye and Tissue Donation** when a donor has passed away outside of a hospital setting (A.6824-B). One donation of tissue can potentially heal or save up to 75 lives, and donations are viable for up to 24 hours after a donor has passed away.

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

This year, I introduced and passed numerous resolutions to honor the contributions of individuals and organizations that are making a positive impact on our state.

Beef Month Sponsorship

I sponsored and passed a resolution declaring May 2025 as Beef Month in the State of New York (K.448). Our state is home to nearly 13,000 cattle farms that have 1.4 million cattle and calves, including almost 110,000 beef cows. About 37,000 of these cattle and calves reside on farms in Saratoga and Washington counties. In partnership with NYS Beef Council, I sponsored "Beef Day" in the Well of the Legislative Office Building, allowing legislators, staff and visitors to the Capitol to sample some of New York's delicious beef.

Celebrating
Beef Month
with the NY
Beef Council
and the NY
Beef Council
Association



Annual Commemorations

- ✓ K.26: Stalking Awareness Month
- ✓ K.333: Crime Victims' Rights Week
- ✓ K.46: Blood Donor Month
- ✓ K.782: National Bingo Day
- ✓ K.170: Women's History Month

Commemorating
Black History
Month at the
NAACP Glens
Falls Chapter



Milestones & Memorials

- ✓ K.132: Centennial Anniversary of the Frederick Allen Lodge and Mary A. Carter Temple
- ✓ K.267: Saratoga Senior Center’s 70th Anniversary
- ✓ K.420: Passing of David Wallingford, a U.S. Marine, Vietnam War veteran and community leader
- ✓ K.708: Retirement of SUNY Adirondack President Kristine Duffy
- ✓ K.794: Installation of the Solomon Northup Sculpture in Saratoga Springs, recognizing his experience as an enslaved man
- ✓ Proclamation for the 75th Anniversary of the National Racing Museum and Hall of Fame
- ✓ Moment of silence observed for the passing of former Assemblyman Robert D’Andrea

Women of Distinction 2025



Back row (l to r): Kelly Goldenberg, Sarah Bachinger, Bonnie Underwood, Beverly Lazar Davis, Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner, Megan Harris Pero, Taylor Suprenant
Front row (l to r): Debra Nicastro, Margaret Farrell, Ashley Lafountain, Peggy Lounsbury, Kassandra Roach, Andrea Grom
Not pictured: Mai Banh, Julie Lewis, Gina Peca

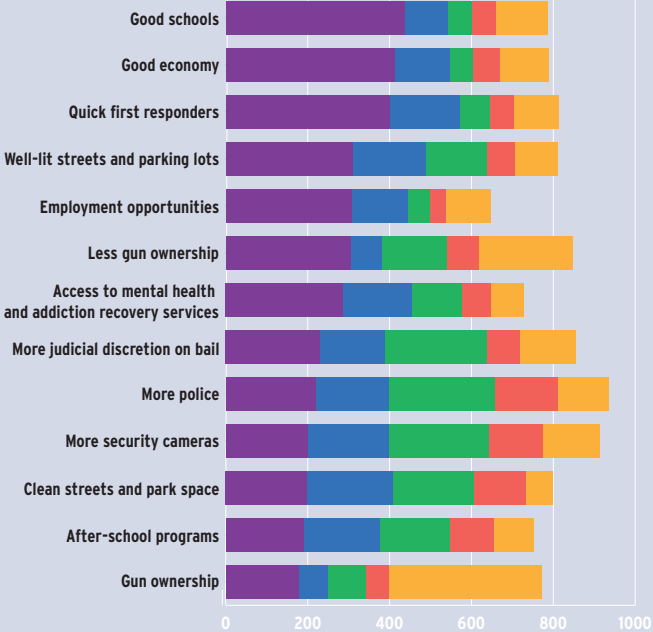
2025 Constituent Survey

Providing valuable input on budget and policy priorities. Bridge and Road Infrastructure, Health Care, Water and Sewer Infrastructure, K-12 Education and Workforce Development were the top five priorities identified in the survey.

What Creates Safe Communities?

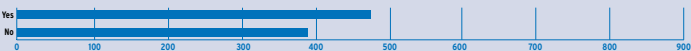
On a scale of 1-5, with 1 being the highest priority, rate how each of the following contributes to a safer community

1 2 3 4 5

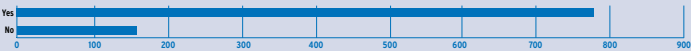


What Environmental Programs Do You Support?

Creating fees and emissions taxes to pay for environmental programs:



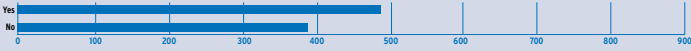
Improve bottle/can recycling:



Incentives for shifting to lower carbon fuels:



Incentives for replacing gas appliances and heating systems with electric or geothermal systems:



Investing in farmland conservation:



Investing in advanced nuclear energy production:



Require producers to recycle packaging:



Require all new residential and commercial construction to be all-electric buildings:



STATE BUDGET

Here’s how we’ve tackled these issues in the 2025-26 state budget:

Investing in our Infrastructure

- ✓ **\$7 billion** for the fourth year of the five-year DOT Capital Plan to ensure roadways and bridges are safe and reliable
- ✓ **\$100 million** more in CHIPS funding over the next two years to help improve our local roads and highways
- ✓ **\$500 million** for water and sewer infrastructure projects

Fostering Healthy Families

- ✓ Increases the Medicaid rate for hospitals by **\$500 million**, with \$30 million allocated to nursing homes
- ✓ **\$58 million** for the Hunger Prevention Nutrition Assistance Program
- ✓ **\$55 million** for Nourish NY
- ✓ Secured funding for Comfort Food Community, Pitney Meadows Community Farm and many local food pantries across the district
- ✓ **\$50 million** additional funding for Upstate Childcare

Press conference highlighting need to increase Nursing Home reimbursement rate



Educating Future Generations

- ✓ **\$37.6 billion** in general support for public schools, an increase of \$1.7 billion
- ✓ **\$340 million** to provide free school meals for all New York students, projected to save families \$165 per child in groceries each month
- ✓ **\$28.2 million** for SUNY community colleges to fund The New York Opportunity Promise Scholarship, providing free community college tuition, including the cost of books, fees and applicable supplies, to students aged 25-55 pursuing degrees and then careers in high-demand fields
- ✓ An additional **\$5 million** for New York's summer youth employment program, connecting kids with summer jobs to help them learn important life skills while earning a paycheck
- ✓ **\$1.7 million increase** in library aid, for a total of \$106 million
- ✓ Authorizes the state Education Department to issue an additional extension of up to 24 months for school districts that are unable to comply with the requirement to purchase only zero-emission buses by 2027
- ✓ Secured funding for the Girls Construction Summer Camp run by Northeast Construction Trades Workforce Coalition



Visiting Camp Moreau as part of my annual Children's Storytime Reading (11 stop) Tour

If you have questions about these or any other sections of the budget, please don't hesitate to reach out to my office for further information.

RACING AND WAGERING

I am pleased to have been appointed to chair the Assembly Standing Committee on Racing and Wagering. Saratoga Springs resident Susan Steer joined my staff as Deputy Legislative Director and Committee Clerk. This ten-person committee is responsible for budget and legislation related to thoroughbred and standardbred racing, charitable gaming, lotteries, casinos and sports wagering.

Assembly Committee Chair

- ✓ Established a **focus on problem gaming** and on modernizing charitable gaming
- ✓ Secured an additional **\$6 million** for the Department of Problem Gaming in the Office of Addiction and Substance Abuse Services
- ✓ Championed legislation to **ban predatory online sweepstakes games** that mimic casino games, which are frequently marketed to youth and that can lead to gambling addiction, passed (A.6745-A)
- ✓ Fought for two bills to **modernize charitable gaming** – one increasing the number of bingo games a charitable organization can host in a year to 30 (A.3681-A) and the other related to an electronic version of the traditional “bell jar” game that many American Legion and VFW posts have onsite (A.7475-B)

Playing Bingo with the residents of the Embury Apartments at the Wesley Community Center in Saratoga Springs on National Bingo Day



CONSTITUENT CASE WORK

Celebrating the agreement promoting horseracing between New York and Ireland at the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame



My office handles a large volume of constituent cases, ranging from permitting and licensing to unemployment claims, retirement/pension issues and housing. Hats off to District Manager Kim Sheridan-Dugmore, who resolves these issues on behalf of constituents facing challenges with the state government. So far this year, we have opened 117 constituent cases and successfully closed 91, with ongoing efforts to resolve the remaining open cases.

From a thank you note we received: “From the second I called Assemblywoman Woerner’s office I knew as a New York State Police Officer that you had my back and that was very comforting.”



Distributing Valentines cards, colored by area elementary school children, to veterans at the American Legion in Hudson Falls



Co-hosting a press conference with Senator Mayer on behalf of the NYS 250th Commemoration Commission



Recognizing the Schuylerville High School Football Team's State Championship win on the Assembly Floor.

Celebrating School Classes, Organizations and Clubs at the Capitol:

- ✓ The Girl Scouts
- ✓ The Future Farmers of America from Hudson Falls High School
- ✓ The Robotics Teams from Ballston Spa and Glens Falls High Schools
- ✓ The Advanced Placement high school students from Ballston Spa High School
- ✓ The Maple Avenue Middle schoolers
- ✓ Numerous New York State Public High School Athletic Association State Champions in the 113th

Beverly Lazar Davis, founder of Youth Squared, was celebrated at the Capitol and in the district for over a decade of dedication to helping empower our community’s youth in making our city, state, country and world a better place.

MY STAFF

Meet the Team

I am fortunate to have a talented team of full-time and part-time employees and college interns, all of whom bring their unique perspective to the legislative and constituent concerns affecting the 113th Assembly District.



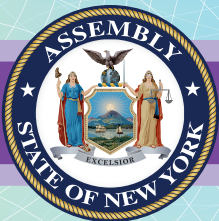
From left to right...Legislative Director, Nicole Clarke, Deputy Legislative Director, Susan Steer, Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner, SUNY Albany College Intern, Nazar Yevko, and Constituent Case Manager, Kim Sheridan-Dugmore



From left to right...Community Relations Director, Deirdre Ladd, Constituent Case Manager, Kim Sheridan-Dugmore, Legislative Director, Nicole Clarke, Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner, and Constituent Relations Director, Kim Milligan

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