



Assemblymember

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Assembly District 125



July 10, 2023

Dear Neighbors,

It has been an eventful couple of weeks, and I'm excited to be sharing this update from our new Ithaca District Office located on the Commons! While we are still finishing moving in, we are back to being fully operational and available to take your calls and emails. Thank you for your patience while we are getting settled!

As a reminder, our new District Office address is:

130 E State Street

Ithaca, NY 14850

Anna in the News

Copenhagen Global Fashion Summit



I've recently returned from an incredible visit to Copenhagen, Denmark for the 2023 Global Fashion Summit where I was able to speak about and promote **The Fashion Sustainability and Accountability Act** (aka the Fashion Act) ([A4333](#)). This summit was a tremendous step in international cooperation as the European Union and the United States came together for the first time in a commitment to create compatible regulations for the fashion industry.

The fashion industry is responsible for 8% of greenhouse gas emissions worldwide and is one of the greatest polluters of water. This industry also has the second-highest rate of child labor in the world and is among the top

5 employers of slave labor. With the United States being the largest per capita consumer of textiles in the world, we cannot have a global solution to these serious problems without US participation.

The Fashion Act will require New York State fashion sellers to be accountable to environmental and social due diligence policies, enacting science-based regulations to reduce climate change and its negative effects, as well as addressing unethical labor practices. Companies found to be non-compliant will be fined, and the proceeds will be used to benefit workers and communities that have been harmed by the industry. These changes will make New York a leader in steering the industry toward a more sustainable and ethical future.

You can read more about the Fashion act and my work at the Fashion Summit in [this article from Spectrum News](#).

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Cultural Sustainability Pioneer,
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New Laws

Several new laws will be taking effect in New York State this July:

- My bill [A4903](#) Persons who suffer from a substance use disorder have the right to seek and receive services and treatment based on their gender identity/expression and/or sexual orientation.
- [A1874](#) Private food service management companies must disclose ingredients and nutritional info for all the meals they provide school districts
- [A10426](#) Community college students are allowed to apply for certificate of residence from counties via electronic means
- [A8425](#) Concussion Management & Awareness Act - requiring public/nonpublic schools to abide by concussion protocol.
- [A.8169-A](#), [A.2205](#), [A.1741-A](#), [A.3693](#) Two new laws to improve health insurance transparency and healthcare/pharmaceutical affordability
- [A.3008-C](#) The New York Youth Jobs Connector program is established to help un- and under-employed individuals ages 16-24 connect to educational, occupational and training services.
- [A.41001](#) Firearms dealers and sellers are required to contact the State police to conduct background checks.

- [A.887-C](#) Human Trafficking recognition training is required at various state offices, including the Division of Criminal Justice Services, and the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance.
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Around the District

Attorney General in Your Community

On **Thursday, July 13th** from **10:00 AM to 1:00 PM**, New York Attorney General Letitia James will hold an AG in Your Community event at the Greater Ithaca Activities Center (GIAC).

Community residents will have the opportunity to meet with Attorney General James, members of the Attorney General's staff, and local government officials who will be available to discuss issues including tenants' rights, housing discrimination, employee wage and hour laws, consumer frauds, health care matters, and more.

I will be attending with my constituent services team and we will be there alongside AG James's staff to help address New Yorkers' concerns, and direct them to appropriate government agencies for further assistance as needed.



Attorney General James

IN YOUR COMMUNITY



Tompkins County

Thursday, July 13th
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Greater Ithaca Activities Center (GIAC)
301 W Court St | Ithaca, NY 14850

Register at: ag.ny.gov/agcommunity

STAFF WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR BRIEF CONSULTATIONS ABOUT:



CONSUMER FRAUD



TENANTS RIGHTS



HOUSING DISCRIMINATION



HEALTH CARE CONSUMER ISSUES



EMPLOYEE WAGE AND HOUR LAWS

Members of the Attorney General's staff will be available to speak with New Yorkers, help address their concerns, and when necessary, direct them to the appropriate government agency for assistance.

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:

State Senator
Lea Webb

State Assemblymember
Anna Kelles

City of
Ithaca

Tompkins County
Government Officials

LawNY (Legal Assistance
of Western New York)

Cortland LGBTQ Center Pride Festival

The Cortland LGBTQ Center Pride Festival will be held this **Saturday, July 15th** at Courthouse Park (33 Church St., Cortland, NY) between **10:00 am - 2:00 pm**. I will be attending and giving remarks, and there will be games, vendors, workshops, entertainment and fun for all at this family friendly event!

CORTLAND COMMUNITY
PRIDE
FESTIVAL

**SATURDAY JULY 15TH
10AM TO 2PM
COURTHOUSE PARK**

Games

Community

Resources

Vendors

Drag Show

Workshops



Community Resources

Cybersecurity Workshop for Seniors

From Tompkins County Public Library:

Tompkins County Public Library is pleased to offer Cybersecurity Basics for Seniors on two separate occasions: **Monday, July 17** and **Monday, August 14**, from **10:00 to 11:30 am** in the Digital Lab.

Led by trainer and consultant Lisa Carrier-Titi, participants will learn how to avoid scams and how to protect their mobile devices.

To learn more and register, visit TCPL's online event calendar at <https://www.tcpl.org/events/upcoming?keywords=cybersecurity>.

Questions prior to the workshop can be directed to 607-220-4502 or via Lisa's website.

Bike Skills Classes for Adults

Bike Walk Tompkins will be offering bike lessons for adults from complete beginners to those needing a refresher or wanting to improve their safe road riding skills. Lessons are on **Saturdays 10:00 am - 11:30 am** and **Mondays 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm** at the Boynton Middle School parking lot in Ithaca. Bikes and helmets for all sizes are available - [schedule a lesson here!](#)

In solidarity and health,



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