



END OF SESSION UPDATE FROM
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Assemblymember Hunter Named Speaker Pro Tempore

I'm thrilled to share that Speaker Carl Heastie appointed me to serve as Speaker Pro Tempore for the state Assembly! It's a true honor to take on this leadership role, and I sincerely appreciate Speaker Heastie's confidence in me. This new responsibility is in addition to my role representing the 128th Assembly District. My commitment to advocating for the needs of our community remains as strong as ever, and my office is here to support you as always. Thank you for your continued trust and support—I'm excited for the work ahead!



2025 Highlights from the District and Beyond



Fire Fighter Installation Banquets

Throughout January, my staff and I attended annual installation banquets for several of our local fire departments. It was an honor to celebrate the dedication and service of our brave firefighters. Thank you to the Mattydale, Lyncourt, Southwood, DeWitt, Taunton, and Onondaga Hill fire

departments for welcoming us and allowing us to recognize the incredible work you do to keep our communities safe.

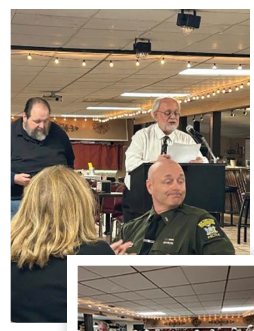
Eagle Scouts Recognition Dinner

It was an honor to deliver the invocation at Scouting America Longhouse Council's Eagle Scouts Recognition Dinner on Jan. 9. Congratulations to this year's class of Eagle Scouts for their incredible achievements!



Congratulations
Eagle Scouts!

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Onondaga County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs President's Dinner

On Jan. 17, my staff attended the Onondaga County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs President's Dinner at The Spinning Wheel. It was a fun evening filled with engaging conversations and an opportunity to hear about the federation's plans for this year.



NY Property & Casualty Insurance Summit

On Feb. 4, I delivered remarks at the NY Property & Casualty Insurance Summit hosted by City & State NY and Big I New York. When I first got involved with insurance policy as a legislator, it seemed like a niche area that didn't garner much interest. Today, it's clear how it impacts our everyday lives. The devastation we have seen in recent months from natural disasters underscores the need to contend with higher levels of risk. In New York and beyond, we are discussing resilience efforts to lessen the impact of these events and ways to make insurance more accessible and affordable.



Valentines for Veterans

We spread some Valentine's Day cheer to veterans at the Syracuse VA Medical Center with the help of local students. Thank you to everyone who helped show our veterans some love!



Fighting for Victims of Sex Trafficking

On Feb 25, I was proud to join advocates from New Yorkers for the Equality Model (NYFEM) at a press conference in support of my bill, A.1465. This legislation would strengthen services for human trafficking survivors, increase awareness about human trafficking and sexual exploitation, and create a fund to support victims of sexual exploitation. It would also raise the age for homeless youth to continue receiving shelter services, because every individual deserves safety and support.



Westcott Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting

On March 9, I attended the Westcott Neighborhood Association's annual meeting to discuss the work I've done as their representative in

Albany and answered questions from neighbors. Thank you for inviting me and for the opportunity to hear directly from my friends in the Westcott Nation!



Meeting with Onondaga County Medical Society

On March 11, I met with physicians from the Onondaga County Medical Society in my Albany office. We discussed how to improve health outcomes for patients in Onondaga County.

Senior Bingo Bash

We spent the day with seniors at the Dunbar Center for an afternoon of Bingo on March 14. Thank you to the amazing staff at Dunbar Syracuse for allowing us to partner with you to provide this fun, free event for our seniors! I'm looking forward to hosting several more events like this one in the months ahead.



Reading at Fremont Elementary School

I had a great time reading to students at Fremont Elementary School in East Syracuse on March 21 as part of Cornell Cooperative Extension's initiative for National Reading Month. Encouraging a love of reading at a young age is crucial! As a proud bibliophile myself, it was wonderful to share my love of reading with these incredible students.



Visit to Lyncourt School

On April 11, I joined Ms. Wood's amazing Social Studies and Civic Readiness Class at the Lyncourt School for a very thoughtful and engaging discussion about the issues that matter most to them. I was also shown the fantastic playground that was built using funds I helped secure for the district.



2025 Regional Financial Empowerment Convention

On April 12, I helped kick off the 2025 Regional Financial Empowerment Convention at the Oncenter, hosted by the incredible Me'Shea Brooks-Rolling. As the former chair of the Assembly's Banks Committee, I remain committed to ensuring everyone in our community—especially those who are unbanked or underbanked—has access to the information and tools they need to be financially empowered. As our local economy grows, we must ensure the opportunities and prosperity that come with it are accessible to all.

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NCOIL Meeting in Charleston

On the last weekend in April, I presided over the first meeting of the National Council of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL) as the organization's president. The

meeting was held in Charleston, S.C., and included discussions about the most pressing insurance issues impacting us in our everyday lives.

Resolution Honoring Community Colleges

On April 29, we passed a resolution recognizing April as Community Colleges Month in the State of New York. We were honored to host leaders from some of the state's community colleges at the Assembly that day. A special thank you to Sue Tormey at Onondaga Community College for partnering with my office to make this meaningful resolution happen.



Family Paint & Pastries

On May 3, Sandy Sabene from the Liverpool Art Center hosted another successful paint and pastries event. Thank you, Sandy, for leading this relaxing experience and to our friends at the DeWitt & Jamesville Library for hosting us.



2025 Women of Excellence Ceremony

On May 10, I hosted my annual Exceptional Women of CNY Awards at Onondaga Community College—an event

my office has held for nearly a decade to recognize outstanding women making a difference in our community. After reviewing dozens of inspiring nominations, we were honored to celebrate 10 truly exceptional women this year. Special thanks to Amy Robbins from 93Q for doing an incredible job as our emcee and to Onondaga Community College for allowing us to use their beautiful campus.



Free Vision Clinic at the Rescue Mission

On May 16, we hosted a free vision clinic that provided eye exams and glasses at no cost to individuals at the Rescue

Mission in Syracuse. More than 100 people in our community benefited from this event, which could not have been accomplished without our incredible partners at VSP Vision Care, Syracuse Community Health and the Rescue Mission.

PEACE, Inc.'s Champions of Diversity Awards

On May 21, I was honored to be recognized by PEACE, Inc. as a Champion of Diversity at this year's awards ceremony. I'm truly grateful for the recognition and deeply sorry I could not attend in person to celebrate with such an inspiring group of honorees. PEACE, Inc. does invaluable work in our community, and it has been a privilege to partner with them over the years to present fun, free events for our local seniors.



Memorial Day Ceremony

It was an honor to participate in this year's Memorial Day Ceremony and parade in the Village of Liverpool. I was humbled to lay a wreath at the Village Cemetery in remembrance of those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation. Thank you to the Liverpool American Legion Post 188, Mayor Stacy Finney and the Memorial Day Parade

Committee for organizing such a meaningful tribute.



2025 Legislative Accomplishments

During this year's legislative session, I sponsored several bills to help improve our community, reduce the costs of essential goods and services for working families, ensure fair practices in banking and support our local firefighters and first responders. I've included some of the bills I sponsored this year below.

Signed into Law

- Ch. 44 of 2025: Makes technical updates to last year's law requiring Industrial Development Agencies to consider

onsite or new child care services when granting tax exemptions.

- Ch. 64 of 2025: Improves transparency in flood insurance policies by ensuring homeowners are aware of the minimum coverage requirement.



2025 Legislative Accomplishments

Passed in the Assembly and Senate Awaiting Governor’s Signature

- A.1433-A: Establishes a clear regulatory framework for pet insurance, improving protections and reducing confusion for pet owners.
- A.1455: Allows the South Onondaga Fire Department to exceed the non-resident volunteer membership cap of 45% to address a shortage in local recruitment.
- A.1457: Establishes the New York Travel Insurance Act to establish a consistent regulatory framework for the industry that’s aligned with 24 other states.
- A.2124: Allows the Village of East Syracuse to appoint a village justice or associate justice from the Town of DeWitt.
- A.3949-A: Allows the Jamesville-DeWitt Central School District to lease unused parklands to the Town of Onondaga for park and recreational usage, with the option to reclaim it for future school needs.
- A.5244: Extends DeWitt’s authority to collect an occupancy tax to support local infrastructure and tourism.
- A.5345: Creates optional protections for “special deposits” to help ensure smoother financial transactions and shield these funds from bankruptcy or creditor claims.
- A.5405: Ensures contractors are paid fairly and on time by limiting withholdings on private construction contracts to 5%.
- A.5600-A: Modernizes state law to improve access to low-cost loans for state insurers from Federal Home Loan Banks.
- A.6870: Renews an existing law to require bank-affiliated check cashers to comply with minimum distance requirements from existing check cashers, improving market stability for a financial service that underbanked populations rely on.
- A.6943-B: Requires auto glass service providers to inform customers if advanced driver-assistance systems (ADAS) must be recalibrated after replacing windshields and whether they can perform the recalibration.
- A.7906-A: Clarifies organ donor registration during health insurance enrollment to reduce duplicates and boost participation in the Donate Life Registry.

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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.”

- ASSEMBLYMEMBER PAMELA J. HUNTER