



# ASSEMBLYMAN BILL MAGNARELLI

## 2025 Progress Report

Dear Neighbor,  
Change takes time.

The process of passing legislation through Government channels takes time. Sometimes it also takes multiple attempts. But when an issue is of importance to a community, a neighborhood, or a profession - it's worth pursuing.

The Consumers Litigation Financing Regulation legislation awaiting the Governor's signature has been 8 years in the making. The bill would regulate this lending industry by placing a cap on the fees lenders can charge so that consumers who bring cases would actually see a financial result upon winning, instead of, in some cases in the past, just having to pay exorbitant fees to the lenders.

For a number of years, I've worked on legislation to help protect the crews who are on our highways and roads improving our infrastructure. The first bill passed in 2021 creating a pilot program placing speed cameras in work zones on the Thruway and other interstates (A0485B – 2021). This year's State Budget extended and expanded the program which is needed more than ever. Tragically, within the last few weeks, several highway workers and first responders have already been injured by reckless drivers, including one fatality.

It can take time, but it's about doing the right thing to help those in our community. My office is always open. Throughout the year, my staff and I meet with people and organizations that have concerns or ideas for legislation.

During Legislative Session from January to June, I am in Albany. This is when I present bills and issues to the legislative body and vote to support the values and needs of our community, as well as those across the state.

For half the year from June through December, I work out of the Syracuse Office- attending local events and meeting with representatives from the community to learn about their concerns related to state issues. During this time, my staff and I are able to gather information in depth about the cultures, organizations and institutions in our area.

In addition, my office has assisted with the needs of the people of the 129th District by answering numerous constituent questions, and holding events such as our electronic recycling events, paper shredding events and the CNY Veterans Parade and Expo.

I am honored to serve as your Assemblyman. My staff and I are committed to serving our constituents and encourage you to call my office if you have any questions about State Government Agencies or community issues. My office is always available to assist you with these matters.

*Bill Magnarelli*

Registration for the events will be released as the events approach

**September 13, 2025**

**Paper Shredding Event**  
at DestinyUSA Pink Lot  
9 am - 12 pm

**October 4, 2025**

**Electronics Recycling Event**  
at NYS Fairgrounds

**November 8, 2025**

**CNY Veterans Parade and Expo**  
at NYS Fairgrounds  
[CNYVeteransParade.org](http://CNYVeteransParade.org)





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When in Albany, I sponsor legislation that will aid our communities, strengthen our local cultural institutions and help those in need. The legislation is carefully researched and worded so that it is as clear as possible and addresses the issue at hand. To become law, the legislation has to be approved by both the Assembly and the State Senate before being presented to and hopefully signed by the Governor.

Below are pieces of legislation I sponsored in the 2025-2026 session that will strengthen our communities.

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Protecting Student Athletes at the New Syracuse STEAM School

Bill Number: A.8612

**What it does:** Ensures that all student athletes attending the new regional STEAM School set to open in September 2025 will be able to play on sports teams for the new school.

**Why it's important:** Current NYS Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) rules restrict the ability of student athletes who played varsity sports as 7th and 8th graders to later play as high schoolers if they transfer to another district. This rule would negatively impact students who decide to attend the STEAM School. The bill guarantees that any students attending the new school beginning in 9th grade can be eligible for varsity athletics for their entire four years.

**Legislation:** Passed the Assembly and Senate, awaiting action by the Governor.



Power of Attorney Electronic Signature

Bill Number: A.249

**What it does:** Authorizes the use of an electronic signature by a person granted a power of attorney with respect to tax documents submitted.

**Why it's important:** Currently, tax professionals which represent taxpayers before the NYS Department of Financial Services or the NYC Department of Finance, may only hand sign documents and agreements on their client's behalf. This bill would allow preparers to utilize their electronic signature as well. This change reflects the new dynamic of remote work due to the effects of COVID and new work-from-home protocols. Remote work and working from home have become the norm for tax professionals. This would allow them to more expeditiously resolve tax matters for their clients.

**Legislation:** Passed the Assembly and the Senate, awaiting action by the Governor.



Consumer Litigation Financing Regulation

Bill Number: A.804-C

**What it does:** Establishes provisions to regulate the Consumer Litigation Funding Industry in New York.

**Why it's important:** Currently, this industry is not regulated in New York State. As a result, a number of "bad actors" entered the business, who often acted in bad faith and charged exorbitant fees for the services provided and engaged in other bad practices. This legislation provides a set of robust provisions that would tightly regulate the consumer litigation financing industry, and protect consumers of such services. The bill sets forth required contract and disclosure requirements to ensure consumers are fully aware of the proposed transaction and imposes a cap on charges that limits the financing companies' recovery to 25% of the gross recovery of the case.

**Legislation:** Passed the Assembly and the Senate, awaiting action by the Governor.





# ESS REPORT

## OUR COMMUNITIES

### Restrict the Charging of Subscription Fees by Carmakers

**Bill Number:** A.1095

**What it does:** Restricts carmakers who sell vehicles in New York from charging subscription fees to activate equipment pre-installed in the vehicle.

**Why it's important:** In recent years, automakers have begun charging consumers subscription fees to activate and use equipment pre-installed in vehicles beyond items like satellite radio and navigation systems. Some egregious examples include, one manufacturer charging people a monthly fee to use their heated seats and another charging for increased engine performance. This bill will ban automakers from charging subscription fees to activate hardware pre-installed on the vehicle.

**Legislation:** Passed the Assembly and Senate, awaiting action by the Governor.

### Requires Online Grocery Retailers/Delivery Apps to Disclose Price Markups Over the In-store Price

**Bill Number:** A.1096-B

**What it does:** Amends the General Business Law to require grocery retailers and delivery services to state whether the online price is greater or less than the in-store price, and give the link to the retailer's website containing item pricing.

**Why it's important:** Online ordering and delivery of groceries has grown exponentially in the past decade. These services are offered by traditional retailers through their own websites/apps or through 3rd party services, such as Instacart. They provide convenient delivery to customers. However, retailers and services often mark-up the prices of products over the in-store price, in addition to any delivery or service fees being charged. This markup is not always clearly stated to the consumer.

**Legislation:** Passed the Assembly and the Senate, awaiting action by the Governor.



### Syracuse Regional Airport Authority Civil Service Exemption

**Bill Number:** A.8116-A

**What it does:** Amends the Civil Service Law to help the Syracuse Regional Airport Authority (SRAA) hire essential workers.

**Why it's important:** The safe and efficient operation of Hancock International Airport is critical to our economy. Like many employers, the SRAA is facing difficulty recruiting, especially for highly specialized, aviation specific positions. Currently, the SRAA can only hire people for these positions on a "provisional" basis where candidates sometimes wait years to take a civil service test and receive permanent employment. This makes it very difficult for the SRAA to hire from a very finite pool of candidates. If signed into law, the bill will streamline the hiring process to ensure Hancock Airport is properly staffed.

**Legislation:** Passed the Assembly and the Senate, awaiting action by the Governor.

### Onondaga County Thruway Exit Passes

**Bill Number:** A.225-A

**What it does:** Authorize the Thruway Authority to offer Central NY residents passes that allow free use of the Onondaga County Thruway Exits during the I-81 construction project.

**Why it's important:** The I-81 construction project is already causing travel delays and disruptions for Central NY motorists. This will only be amplified in the next few years when significant work will begin in Downtown Syracuse restricting the use of both I-81 and I-690. Allowing for toll free travel on the Thruway between the Onondaga County exits will help divert and alleviate traffic congestion from the center city during construction and provide an alternative east-west route through the County.

**Legislation:** Passed the Assembly and Senate, awaiting action by the Governor.

# Annual Budget Improves Community Services

The recently passed 2025-2026 state budget focuses on middle-class families and strengthening programs that improve our communities and our daily lives:

- ▶ **Healthcare**
  - Secured \$450 million for the construction of a new wing at Upstate University Hospital to build a new “state of the art” ER, operating rooms, burn unit and poison center.
- ▶ **Education**
  - Provided a record \$26.4 billion in Foundation Aid for public schools, including changes to the formula to make it more equitable. A \$1.4 billion increase from the 2024-25 State Budget.
- ▶ **Safety for Highway Workers**
  - Renewed for 5 years, the law originally sponsored by Assemblyman Magnarelli to allow the use of speed enforcement cameras in work zones on Interstates and the NYS Thruway. It also increases the number of cameras authorized from 10 to 20 on the Thruway and from 20 to 40 on Interstates.
- ▶ **Troubled Youth**
  - \$1.2 million for Onondaga County’s “Promise Zone” program to assist students in the Syracuse City School District with emotional and behavioral challenges.

- ▶ **Roadway Repairs**
  - a \$50 million increase in Consolidated Highway Improvement Program (CHIPs) funding for local roads and bridge infrastructure for a total of \$648.1 million. The final budget also included a \$40 million increase for the State Route NY program that helps cities like Syracuse maintain state routes. The Budget includes an additional \$800 million for the final 2 years of the DOT’s Core Capital Program to address inflation pressures on State road and bridge projects.
- ▶ **Water Infrastructure**
  - \$116 million for the Onondaga County Water Authority’s water infrastructure expansion project for Micron.
- ▶ **Arts**
  - \$300,000 for the Landmark Theatre through the “Alive Downtown” program.
- ▶ **Public Transportation**
  - Secured a \$16.9 million increase for Upstate public transit assistance over the 2024-25 State Budget for a total of \$349.4 million. Additionally, language was included in the Budget to ensure CENTRO can receive Cortland County’s operating assistance for its takeover of that system.

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## CNY Veterans Parade and Expo

**Saturday, November 8, 2025**

NYS Fairgrounds

Parade at noon • Expo 9 am – 2 pm

**Free Admission & Parking**

**Together we can  
Thank Our Troops!**

For more information, email  
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