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Assemblyman 104th District
Dutchess, Orange, and
Ulster Counties

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Dear Constituents,

It's been a privilege to serve you this, nearly my third term in the People's House. I consider myself extremely lucky to represent this magnificent and diverse district consisting of three urban cities (Newburgh, Poughkeepsie and Beacon) and three rural farm and residential towns (Lloyd, Marlborough and Newburgh). Each has its own personality and challenges but we are all brought together by the scenic features of the Hudson River and its surrounding mountains and farm lands - our unique home in the Mid-Hudson Valley.

On behalf of my staff and myself, we wish you all a very happy, healthy and safe holiday and New Year. Stay in touch, send us your thoughts or visit us in the District Office.

Sincerely,

Frank Skartados
Member of the New York State Assembly
104th District

Note: I would like to thank my staff and past community liaisons who embodied a lively spirit and commitment to the needs and concerns to our constituents. They include: Angelique Rinaldi (Office Mgr and Director of Constituent Services), Maya Nahshon, Frank Pacella, Gwen Johnson (Dutchess County Legislator and past Poughkeepsie Common Council Chair), Cheryl Noel, Ed Tucker, the many interns who served us so well, and Chief of Staff Steve Gold (former Beacon Mayor).

ASSEMBLYMAN SKARTADOS ACTIVITIES REPORT FOR 2013

1. Bills I Introduced in the 2013 Session:

Economic Development:

A7883A: Authorizes fishing without a permit by non-commercial fishermen during the July 4th holiday.

A1833: Signed in to law - legislation ensured that a leased property in the City of Poughkeepsie waterfront empire zone is not unduly burdened with unexpected tax obligations as a result of "reach back" due to a change in tax law.

Veterans:

A1800: Establishes a small business tax credit for the employment of unemployed veterans.

A1797: Exempts certain veterans service organizations from taxes on the sales of beer, wine and soda.

Public Issues:

A1795: Prohibits the imposition of any charge or fee on the telephone bill of a consumer when such fee is imposed by a third party, without the consent of the consumer (Pub Serv. cramming ban).

A6553: Signed into law - Relates to discretionary retention of alternate jurors after final submission of the case. This saves the public the time and expense of a re-trial.

A6923: Add S39, Tax L Creates the broadband internet access act of 2013; provides a tax credit for the delivery of current generation broadband and next generation broadband.

A7159A: Relates to providing witnesses with facility dogs to help young children testify.

A7540: Prohibits municipalities from charging multiple fees for certificates of occupancy for assembly halls.

A8174: Authorizes the issuance of a temporary retail permit to sell alcoholic beverages to certain applicants who hold licenses for other premises selling such beverages.

A8266: Enacts the state liquor authority license application modernization act; and establishing the state liquor authority license modernization fund.

A4615: Signed into law - Designates the bridge on Hosner Mountain road crossing the Taconic state parkway as the "Correction Officer Gary L. Mitchetti, Jr. Memorial Bridge".

Municipal Concerns:

A1796: Signed into law - Establishes a third judgeship in the city court of the city of Newburgh, to adjudicate quality of life violations and landlord/tenant disputes.

A1798: Relates to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical services personnel job protection.

A1875: Directs the department of transportation to conduct a study relating to the infrastructure needs for certain areas of state route 9W.

A5123: Designates uniformed court officers of the town of Marlborough as peace officers.

A5130: Extends the authority of the county of Ulster to impose an additional 1 percent sales and compensating use tax.

A5272: Authorizes counties to adopt local laws regarding recycling material.

A5429: Signed into law - Extends the authority of the county of Dutchess to impose an additional 1 percent sales and compensating use tax.

Workers Rights:

A1799: Relates to limiting an employer's access to consumer credit reports in connection with employment applications.

A6956: Relates to membership of volunteer fire and volunteer ambulance members in group or blanket accident and health insurance policies; provides that such members must be added to a contract to provide health insurance.

2. Co-Sponsored and Multi-Sponsored 199 Bills

Please see: <http://assembly.state.ny.us/mem/?ad=104&sh=sponsor>

3. Funds personally secured for the district:

- \$6 million for the Beacon Correctional Facility marketing and repositioning.
- \$2 million of emergency aid for the Marlboro Central School District and other schools in the 104th District.

- \$6 million of emergency aid to the Department of Transportation for our regions highway and bridge repair.
- \$250,000 priority projects for local organizations.
- \$700,000 in capital projects for local organizations.
- \$550,000 in supplemental school aid, in addition to state education formula, to assist local schools.
- **Note: I personally saved taxpayer funds by refusing to accept mileage, meals or boarding expenses - this and every year.**

4. Budget highlights:

- **Increased the minimum wage to \$8.00 in 2014 and \$9.00 by 2016.**
- Lowered taxes on the middle class and manufacturers.
- Reduced energy costs by decreasing an unfair energy tax.

5. Informational forums and community events organized by my office:

- Food Cooperatives (hosted by the Wilklow Orchards in Highland).
- Export Trade Barriers (the Kaplan Center at the SUNY campus in Newburgh).
- Salute to Local Small Businesses and Open House at our District Office.
- Black History Month Essay Contest for middle schools in Newburgh/Poughkeepsie/Beacon.
- Hudson Valley Photo Contest for High School Students in the district (winners displayed at our District. Office).

6. Letters to the State:

- Letter to NYS Comptroller to foster an audit of the Marlboro School District.
- Letter in opposition to the FERC electric power rate increases (energy capacity zone).
- Letter in opposition to the MTA Parking Rate Increase.
- Letter to ask the state to fund the Cornell Research Lab in Highland.
- Letter to ask for the restoration of OPWDD funds (Office of People With Developmental Disabilities).

7. Constituent Services:

Our District Office handles a variety of constituent services from providing assistance with a state department or agency, to communicating concerns to local municipalities and their departments, local organizations and businesses. Highlights of Constituent Services:

- Resolved nearly two-hundred constituent cases up to date.
- Worked together with the Ulster County Department of Public Works to address a neighborhood traffic safety concern at the intersection of Lattintown Road and Plattekill Road in Ulster County.

- Assisted the Town of Marlborough in securing FEMA funds for the historic Milton-on-Hudson Train Station.
- Assisted the Town of Newburgh in removing a pile up of trash and debris on Landers Street.
- Worked together with the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance to issue thousands of dollars in delayed tax return refunds.
- Worked together with the NYS Department of Transportation to alleviate dangerous road conditions that existed on Route 9W near Town Hall, Town of Marlborough and a road merge at Lyons Lane.
- Matched several municipalities and non-for-profits which state, federal and private grants.
- Worked together with local Newburgh residents, known collectively as the 'Newburgh Heights Association' and the City of Newburgh Police Department to implement a successful, on-going neighborhood watch program in the City of Newburgh.
- Worked with the Department of Labor to reopen a Poughkeepsie establishment that was closed due to violations.

8. Site Visits and meetings:

Period ending 12/12: Held a meet and greet with Time Warner's Director of Government Relations for the Northeast Region. Held a meeting with representatives of CSEA to discuss mental health cuts on the state level. Attended and spoke at the New York State Democratic Party's Hudson Valley Holiday Gifting Celebration held at the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel. Special guests included: Lieutenant Governor Robert Duffy, Senator Terry Gipson and Assemblywoman Didi Barrett. Gifts and school supplies were collected to donate to children in need. Held a meeting with NYSUT to discuss their annual legislative report. Performed a site visit at the NYC DEP's Delaware Aqueduct Rondout-West Branch Tunnel Repair Site located on the west side of Route 9W in Newburgh, Orange County. Due to leaks in two spots along the existing tunnel, NYC DEP has begun construction of new shafts in Newburgh and Wappinger to connect each end of the new bypass tunnel to the aqueduct. These shafts will be 700-900 feet deep and have a diameter of 30-35 feet. These shafts will connect to the bypass tunnel and create access points for the construction of the tunnel itself which is expected to begin in 2015. 95% of the workers are local through a signed contract with Local 17 and a Hudson Valley labor union. 1.5 billion (subject to change) in project costs are being fully funded by NYC. Currently, NYC DEP is working to ensure minimal impact to its customers and neighbors during the aqueduct repairs. The expected project completion date is in 2022. Attended the Mount Beacon Incline Railway Annual Gala held at Dutchess Manor in Beacon. Participated in St. Mary's Outreach Distribution held at St. Mary's Church in Newburgh. Over 1,000 families signed up to receive donated housewares, clothing, food and information from various local organizations that provide services for the needy and underserved. Attended the New York State Democratic Party's toy, coat and school supply distribution held at Catharine Street Community Center in Poughkeepsie with special guest, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo. Attended a toy distribution in the City of Newburgh with Mayor Judy Kennedy, Senator William Larkin, Greater Newburgh Partnership, CEO and Commissioner of New York State

Department of Economic Development Kenneth Adams and the Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Council. Attended Polar Express Night at the historic Milton Train Station in Marlborough.

Period ending 12/12: Attended a wake held for constituent Donna Smith, who died in Sunday's Metro-North train derailment. Smith, 54, of Newburgh, N.Y., was heading into the city to hear her sister, Linda, sing Handel's "Messiah" at the Lincoln Center when she was killed. At Smith's wake, they played "Amazing Grace" while Linda Smith stood beside her sister's flower-laden coffin. Attended Marlboro Library's Holiday party. Spoke at the Newburgh Armory Unity Center's Chris Hawkins Field dedication in honor of Chris Hawkins, a volunteer who has created an amazing space that is one of the Hudson Valley's premier sports venues. Attended the 2013 Newburgh Historical Society's Annual Candlelight Tour of rarely-seen public and private spaces.

Period ending 12/5: Attended a meeting to discuss Beacon Correctional Facility held at the City of Beacon Mayor's office. Volunteered at Loaves and Fishes Thanksgiving food distribution held at 241 Liberty Street in Newburgh; 1150 people received bags of traditional Thanksgiving food items. Volunteered at the Newburgh Salvation Army's Thanksgiving Day food distribution. The Newburgh Salvation Army, volunteers, Friends of Newburgh Rowing Club and the Assemblyman assisted in the distribution of food basket donations that were created with help from the \$4.5 million in Emergency Food Assistance grants provided by the state and delivered by the National Guard. Attended Chabad Eastern Orange's giant menorah lighting held on Rev. Dr. MLK Boulevard in Newburgh. The lighting included Latkes, Chanukah Gelt, Dreidels, Chanukah Crafts and Games. Held a meeting with the Children's Home of Poughkeepsie to discuss COFCCA agencies; their needs, aims and objectives. Held a meet and greet with the new Community and Government Relations Associate in the Office of the President at SUNY New Paltz.

Period ending 11/20: Toured Common Ground Farm in Wappingers Falls, as part of a series of tours to become acclimated with the region's agricultural and business needs. Common Ground Farm is a 501(C)3 farm situated at Stony Kill Environmental Center. Attended Green Energy Economy, a presentation on New York State and the Mid-Hudson Region's goals to actively transition to Green Energy Economy, based increasingly on renewables and energy efficiency. Elected officials were urged to decide about a variety of initiatives, such as Community Choice Aggregation, (CCA), Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs), Smart Feed-in Tariffs (FITs) and standardized solar permitting. The presentation discussed how New York's energy system currently works, where we are going, what municipalities can do, and what incentives and opportunities are available to municipalities and to their residential and business constituents. Attended a ribbon cutting to celebrate the opening of the Dave Miller Connector Trail, a critical link between Beacon's Hudson River waterfront and Scenic Hudson's Madam Brett Park.

Period ending 11/14: Attended a meeting held by the City of Newburgh Community Development representatives to discuss the construction and operation of Downing Park greenhouses. Invited to speak at Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney's Immigration Reform Press Conference held at the Newburgh Armory. Participated in

Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney's Montford Point Marine Presentation held at Baptist Temple Church in Newburgh. This momentous occasion honored Dr. Coleman Briggs for his outstanding service to the community and participation in the segregated Montford Point Marine Training Facility prior to its closure in 1949. Invited to speak at the Town of Lloyd's Veterans Day Service held at Memorial Park. The service included many distinguished local veterans that served in major wars and defended our freedom. Attended the dedication of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newburgh's first Veterans build held on Nov. 11 in honor of Veterans Day. The dedication was held for the future home of the Pittman-Porter Family; Army veteran Teresa Pittman, her husband Samuel, and daughters Natasha and Latasha in Newburgh. Held a meeting with St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital to discuss the future of care for the community and a pathway to ensure that care is available. Held a meeting with American Red Cross to discuss emergency readiness, community resiliency and what the Red Cross has been doing in the 104th Assembly District and beyond.

Period ending 11/7: Hosted a roundtable discussion regarding New York's export trade on Thursday, Oct. 31, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., at Orange County Community College's Kaplan Hall in Newburgh. The Export Trade Roundtable brought together our region's business leaders, government officials, and international trade representatives to further the discussion on what is needed to reduce trade and infrastructure barriers as well as solutions that are needed to create good jobs and move our region forward. Attended Congressman Maloney's community office hours held at the post office at 55 Mansion Street in Poughkeepsie. Attended a meeting with local elected officials regarding a Route 9W and King Street traffic light. Attended Literacy Connections of the Hudson Valley's Welcoming Reception for their new Executive Director, Marisol Rodriguez.

Period ending 10/30: Attended the Sunshine Adult Day Care Grand Opening located at 608 Broadway in Newburgh. Presented the executive staff of the American Cancer Society Hudson Valley chapter with an Assembly Proclamation in honor of their 100 years in the fight against cancer in the Hudson Valley. The Proclamation was awarded at their New Windsor office. Attended HRHCare's Grand Opening of The Health Center at 34 Livingston Street in Poughkeepsie. The Community Health Center provides the residents of Poughkeepsie with the highest possible medical and dental services as well as a complement of specialty care services such as podiatry, optometry, nutrition counseling, family medicine, behavioral health, prenatal care and family planning. Attended a meeting with the Good Shepherd Soup Kitchen held at Church of Good Shepherd on Broadway in Newburgh. They are the only soup kitchen open weekends to serve the needy. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss ways to ensure that their services are continued.

Period ending 10/23: Spoke at the New York Military Academy Homecoming and presented an Assembly Proclamation to Colonel Theodore Dobias, also known as 'The Maj,' for his 50 years of service to the New York Military Academy and in shaping the Academy's fine young men and women into outstanding leaders. Participated in the Fifth Annual Legislative Challenge Race held at Yonkers Raceway as part of their Harvest Classic Festival celebrating racing and agriculture in New York State. The Harvest Festival is a wonderful event that highlights the important link between harness racing and agriculture in our State. Participated in an Emergency Preparedness Meeting sponsored by The

Weather Channel and Cablevision held at Rombout Middle School in Beacon. Spoke to the children in attendance about the importance of having an Emergency Plan in place in the event of a natural disaster such as Hurricane Sandy. Held a meeting with New York State Preferred Source Program (NYSPSP) which features products and services performed by blind and visually impaired people with the objective to create employment for both the blind and visually impaired.

Period ending 10/17: Accompanied New York State Education Commissioner, John King, in a school visit to Meadow Hill Global Explorations in the City of Newburgh with New York State Education Commissioner, as part of the Commissioner's 'Back to School Tour.' Spoke at the Poughkeepsie Commons' Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting at 130 Hudson Avenue in Poughkeepsie. This innovative project features 71 newly constructed units for seniors and homeless and disabled veterans. It is a result of collaboration between NYS Department of Homes and Community Renewal, Dutchess County, City of Poughkeepsie, Raymond James Tax Credit Funds, CPC and private entities dedicated to affordable housing. Marched in the General Pulaski Parade beginning at the Italian Center and ending at Pulaski Park on Washington Street in Poughkeepsie. Attended the unveiling of Vassar Warner Home's newly renovated Assisted Living Program and Personal Department located at 52 South Hamilton Street in Poughkeepsie.

Period ending 10/10: Introductory speaker at the third annual Hudson Valley Manufacturing Conference titled "The Resurgence of Manufacturing in New York State" at Mount Saint Mary College. Participated in a meeting with Central Hudson senior representatives to discuss economic issues, Central Hudson and the utility business. Attended the grand opening of the Town Crier Café on Main Street in Beacon. Attended Meet Me Marlborough's Heart in the Hudson Valley Bounty Festival held at Cluett Schantz Park in Milton. Awarded Assembly Certificates of Merit to honorees of the Exempt Firemen's Association's 4th Annual Hispanic Heritage Celebration held at the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel. Attended the Good Will Fire Company Annual Memorial Service held at the Good Will Fire House in Newburgh. Toured the Dyson Foundation's Upper Landing property, a new public waterfront park with direct handicap access to the planned Walkway Waterfront Elevator. Met with Scenic Hudson's Executive Director Steve Rosenberg regarding the Highland Walkway Gateway Zone and the Member's legislation designed to create a 9W improvement corridor. As a member of the Tourism, Parks, Arts and Sports Development Committee, and in an effort to promote tourism in the Mid-Hudson Valley, the Member toured Stewart International Airport with General Manager Richard Heslin. The purpose of this tour was to discuss ways to optimize the utilization of the airport commercially through usage of its business park, and to promote an increase in passenger traffic.

Period ending 10/2: Attended the Orange County Naturalization Ceremony held at the Newburgh Armory Gymnasium. Attended the Latino Democratic Committee's 10th Annual Fall Dinner Dance held at The Meadowbrook in New Windsor. Attended the Annual Alzheimer's Association's Walk to End Alzheimer's beginning on the Highland side of the Walkway Over the Hudson. Presented certificates to sixteen young participants in a week-long program held by the City of Newburgh Police Department designed to teach

leadership and civic responsibility. Certificates were presented to the participants at the Boys and Girls Club in Newburgh. Attended training for Members at the Yonkers Raceway for the up-coming Annual Harvest Festival and Legislative Challenge Race at Yonkers Raceway. Awarded Assembly Citations to Steve and Shelly Turk at the Food Bank of the Hudson Valley's Annual Dinner held at Torches on the Hudson in Newburgh. The Turks own and operate the award-winning, Rocking Horse Ranch Resort in Highland as well as America's Biggest Little Water park, SplashDown Beach in Fishkill. Together they have carried on their family's tradition of philanthropy by supporting our community with many generous donations to education, the arts and for various health initiatives. Presented an Assembly Citation to the American Cancer Society in honor of 100 years in the fight against cancer at their 100th Birthday Bash celebration held at Anthony's Pier 9 in New Windsor. Attended Spirit of Beacon Day in Beacon. Held a meeting with Primary Care Development Corporation to discuss organizations that provide care for under-served communities and legislation related thereof. Met with the Regional Director of the Department of Transportation to discuss improvements to the infrastructure (water, sewer, storm drainage) of the 9W corridor in Marlboro as well as a 6 million dollar state grant for emergency highway and bridge repairs.

Period ending 9/19: Toured Poughkeepsie Commons, a 71 unit, low-income apartment project, tailored to serve veterans and the elderly located at 131 Hudson Avenue in Poughkeepsie. The tour was given by Kearney Realty Group. Met with Joseph Ruggiero, Executive Director of the New York State Bridge Authority, to go over the New York State Bridge Authority's current operations, procedures and future plans. Attended and spoke at the American Legion's The Viebey-Sutton, NY Post 124's Annual Spaghetti Dinner in Marlboro. Attended and spoke at Gardnertown United Methodist Church's 225th Anniversary Celebration in Newburgh. Presented Assembly Citations to two honorees, Robert Torre and Gary Collins, at Rebuilding Together's Community Breakfast held at the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel.

Period ending 9/11: Attended Horizons-on-the-Hudson's first Back To School Block Party held on Montgomery Street in Newburgh. The event included music, fun for the kids, a school supply giveaway, and health screenings. Attended the Hudson Valley Wine and Food Festival held at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds in Rhinebeck. Attended and spoke at Astor Services' Head Start Sequestration event held at Astor Services in Poughkeepsie. Meet with President & CEO and Commissioner of the New York State Department of Economic Development and other local officials to discuss repurposing the Beacon Correctional Facility. Attended the Beacon Friendship Center's 9/11 USO Party in Beacon. Attended the American Legion's 9/11 Ceremony held at Patriot Park in Beacon. Attended and spoke at the Exempt Firemen's Association's 9/11 Candlelight Memorial Service in Poughkeepsie.

Period ending 9/4: Attended Temple Beth-El Shofar Over the Hudson and the Latin American Festival held in Waryas Park in Poughkeepsie. Accompanied New York Secretary of State, Cesar A. Perales, and other local legislators on a tour of the Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park to review recently funded Department of State projects located in Poughkeepsie and the Town of Lloyd; the tour was hosted by the

Walkway Over the Hudson. Held a special ceremony at Marlborough Town Hall to honor several brave first responders who saved the lives of motorist Dany Humphreys and her beloved dog, "Schnitzel". Those honored with Citations were Milton Fire Chief Stephen Kneeter, his wife, Madalyn Kneeter, and three town of Marlborough police officers, Nicholas Geremino, Eric Masten and Michael Sotanski. Participated in an open discussion on education issues and presentation by New York State Education Commissioner, John King, held at Ulster BOCES Conference Center in New Paltz. Attended the Poughkeepsie City School Superintendent's Convocation Ceremony held at Poughkeepsie High School's Athletic Complex.

Period ending 8/23: Participated in the Sarah Hull Hallock Free Library Children's Reading by reading to children of different age groups. The reading took place at the Sarah Hull Hallock Free Library in Milton. Met with a representative and developer from New York State Affordable Housing to discuss projects in Poughkeepsie and Newburgh. Attended the Town of Newburgh Community Day held at Cronomer Hill Park in Newburgh. Scheduled an early morning visit to Grannie Annie's Kitchen at Grace United Methodist Church in Newburgh. Grannie Annie's Kitchen welcomes between 30-60 people every Saturday for a full breakfast. Several individuals from surrounding churches come each Saturday to help prepare and serve the food. Attended the Children's Mural Dedication at the Howland Public Library in Beacon. The mural was created by artist Rafael Figueroa and placed in the Children's Room at the Library. Attended the Historical Society of Newburgh Bay and the Highlands and Beacon Historical Society for their Newburgh vs. Beacon Croquet Tournament held at Downing Park in Newburgh. Toured the Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newburgh's recent Construction Project in Newburgh. Met with Hudson River Housing to discuss the future of affordable housing in Poughkeepsie. Hudson River Housing is dedicated to building strong, sustainable communities by developing and preserving quality affordable housing and helping families and individuals obtain and maintain housing through education, advocacy, and support services. Attended and spoke at the Newburgh Preparatory Charter High School Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony in Newburgh. Newburgh Preparatory Charter High School is the Mid-Hudson's first charter school.

Period ending 8/14: Toured Independent Living in Newburgh. Toured Habitat For Humanity in Newburgh. Spoke and handed out certificates to graduates at PathStone's Graduation Ceremony held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Newburgh. Sailed along the Hudson River on the Clearwater with Mount Beacon Incline Railway Restoration Society members and supporters. Joined the NYHPA for a 1 hour webinar to address the changes coming under the federal Affordable Care Act and the new Health Benefit Exchange and how they will impact constituents. Attended the Children's Home of Poughkeepsie's Special Reception to meet Ace, their new Facility Service Dog.

Period ending 8/7: Toured Dutchess Outreach at 29 North Hamilton Street in Poughkeepsie. Toured the Grace Smith House at 1 Brookside Avenue in Poughkeepsie as a series of tours to promote tourism in the 104th Assembly District. Toured the Bardavon 1869 Opera House at 35 Market Street in Poughkeepsie. Toured Hudson River Housing at 313 Mill Street in Poughkeepsie. Toured the Poughkeepsie Day Nursery at 36 Clover Street in Poughkeepsie. The Poughkeepsie Day Nursery is a not-for-profit organization licensed

by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, which offers early learning care and education. Held a Hudson Valley Photography Award Ceremony at The Healing Arts Studio in Newburgh. The winners were: Sean Grant from Poughkeepsie High School; Julie Truncali from Marlboro Middle School; Jackson Galati from South Middle School; Brian Townsend from Highland High School; Malina Bahr from Highland Middle School; Michael Hernandez from Newburgh Free Academy; and Katherine Godinez from Temple Hill Academy. Toured The Howland Cultural Center at 477 Main Street in Beacon. Toured The Salvation Army at 372 Main Street in Beacon. Toured the Howland Public Library at 313 Main Street in Beacon. Participated in the City of Newburgh's National Night Out held at Delano Hitch Recreation Park.

Period ending 7/31: Held a meeting with TEAM Newburgh, the Newburgh Police Department, Orange County Department of Social Services, and other organization to discuss youth services in the City of Newburgh. Attended "I love Smoke-free NY," a celebration of the 10th Anniversary of New York's Clean Indoor Air Act. New York's Clean Indoor Air Act made all enclosed public places and workplaces, including restaurants and bars throughout the state 100% smoke-free as of July 24, 2003. The celebration was held at Pat Tarsio Lanes in Newburgh. Toured the Gomez Mill House at 11 Mill House Road in Marlboro as part of a series of tours aimed to promote tourism in the 104 Assembly District. Built in 1714, the Gomez Mill House is one of the oldest continuously lived in residences in the United States, was home to five historic families, and is the oldest surviving Jewish dwelling in North America. Attended Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney's Purple Heart Ceremony for William B. Tiebout (WWI Veteran). The Purple Heart was presented to William B Tiebout's son, Ernest Tiebout. Invited as a guest to Taconic Resources for Independence's picnic in celebration of the 23rd Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The picnic was held at Hackett Hill Park in Hyde Park. Invited as a guest to celebrate Meet Me in Marlborough's 10th Anniversary held at Cluett Schantz Memorial Park in Milton. Toured the Crawford House, located in Newburgh's historic east end at 189 Montgomery Street.

Period ending 7/24: Met with the Hudson Valley Regional Director of the Office of the State Comptroller to discuss various issues including an audit of the Marlboro Central School District. Toured Cornell University's Hudson Valley Laboratory facilities. Toured the Dia:Beacon museum as part of a series of tours aimed to highlight the importance of tourism in the 104th Assembly District. Invited as a guest speaker at the Downing Park Planning Committee's Annual Fundraiser; awarded certificates to City of Newburg Historian, Mary McTamaneay and well-known artist and writer, Don Herron (posthumously).

Period ending 7/17/13: Attended a Summer Food Service Program Community Outreach event hosted by Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County, Nutrition Advisory Committee of Dutchess County, Kids R Kids Feeding Program, Beacon City School District Food Service Department, and Tabernacle Church of Christ; this event was held at the Tabernacle Church of Christ in Beacon. Toured Washington Headquarters and the Tower of Victory to initiate a series of tours of prominent historic landmarks in the local Hudson Valley. Hiked to the top of Mount Beacon alongside Scenic Hudson and New York

State Parks as part of a site visit of the former Mount Beacon Incline Railway. Prior to the hike, attended a presentation by the Mount Beacon Incline Railway Restoration Society (MBIRRS) on its progress in advancing its vision to restore the historic incline railway at Scenic Hudson's Mount Beacon Park. The presentation can be found here: <http://www.inclinerailway.org/>.

Period ending 6/26: Accepted the Newburgh Teachers' Association's Friend of Education Award, as the Board of Directors of the Newburgh Teachers' Association voted unanimously to give their highest honor, the Friend of Education Award, to Frank Skartados; the award ceremony was held at the Powelton Club in Newburgh. Participated in the Walkway Over the Hudson Elevator Groundbreaking Ceremony. Attended the Poughkeepsie Public Library District Summer Reading Program held at the Adriance Memorial Library in Poughkeepsie. Recognized Gaelen McCarney from Boy Scout Troop 27 in Newburgh for newly-attained honor of Eagle Scout. Presented three winners of his Annual Black History Month Essay Contest at the Poughkeepsie City School District Board of Education Meeting; the three winners included Kerriam Crawform, Poughkeepsie High School, and Anahy Santos-Valdez and Briana Estrada, Poughkeepsie Middle School. Hosted a Farms, Food Cooperatives and the Hudson Valley Food Hub Roundtable at Wilklow Orchards in Highland-an informative event featuring several Hudson Valley agribusiness leaders. Attended the Beacon Library swearing-in ceremony to swear-in the new Beacon Library trustees. Attended the Sarah Hull Hallock Garden Party hosted by Steve and Judy Clarke at Prospect Orchards in Milton.

Period ending 6/19: Attended Session in Albany. Participated and spoke at the City of Poughkeepsie Ground-Breaking Ceremony for the New Transit Hub to be constructed south of Financial Plaza Deck on Civic Center Plaza. Presented Certificates of Merit to the graduates of the Nora Cronin Presentation Academy during their graduation ceremony held at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Newburgh. Marched in the Exempt Fireman's Association's Father's Day Parade held in the City of Poughkeepsie. Attended Session in Albany. Attended Session in Albany. Attended Session in Albany. Multi-Sponsored A. 7635A (Brennan) to establish a moratorium until June 1, 2014 on any actions taken by a telephone corporation to replace landline service with a wireless system in this State in order to allow the Public Service Commission ("PSC") sufficient time to review a report to be submitted by Verizon, Inc., and to issue its findings and conclusions on the report and on other related questions to the Governor and the State Legislature. Co-Prime Sponsored A. 7983 (Lentol) which would provide a comprehensive statutory framework for the prosecution and prevention of criminal street gang activity. Co-Prime Sponsored A. 1512 (Magee) to expand agricultural direct marketing assistance and to authorize farm wineries to sell wine by the bottle for off-premises consumption to farm roadside stands that are located within 20 miles of the licensed farm winery, special winery or micro-winery. Multi-Sponsored A. 7558 (Barrett) to amend the public health law, in relation to authorizing long-term antibiotic treatment for certain patients with Lyme disease.

Period ending 6/12:- Attended a press conference in Albany on the restoration of OPWDD cuts. Attended Session in Albany. Attended Session in Albany. Presented an award for his Annual Black History Month Essay Contest to Beacon High School winner, Liam

Ollive, at Beacon High School. Presented an award for his Annual Black History Month Essay Contest to Beacon Rombout Middle School Winner, Mikaela Burch, at Beacon Rombout Middle School. Attended a meeting with NYSUT to discuss legislative priorities for the remainder of Session. Attended a meeting with New York State Public Employees Federation (NYS PEF) to discuss legislation introduced this Session. Participated as a judge for Relay for Life held at Cronomer Hill Park in Newburgh. Attended Session in Albany. Attended a meeting with GoRail to discuss alternative to highways for hauling freight. Attended Session in Albany. Attended a meeting with Dutchess Association of Realtors to discuss legislation introduced this Session. Attended Session in Albany.

Period ending 6/5: Attended a meeting with SEIU Local 32 workers regarding utility prevailing wage. Attended Session in Albany. Attended Beacon Re-Imagined, a Beacon centennial event held at Scenic Hudson's Long Dock Environmental Center. This event featured the potential attractions of the Mount Beacon Incline Railway and the Fishkill Creek Greenway Heritage Trail. Attended Session/Legislative Disabilities Awareness Day in Albany. Attended a press conference on the restoration of OPWDD cuts, held in the LCA Room in Albany. Attended Session in Albany. Attended Session in Albany.

Period ending 5/22: Met with Central Hudson and Fortis Representatives at the District Office. Attended Harper Health Ribbon Cutting in Newburgh. Attended Highland High School 9th Annual Senior Citizen Senior Prom. Attended Marlboro High School meeting with politically active Students. Spoke at Mount Saint Mary College Commencement. Walked the Beacon 100th Centennial Parade with Senator Gipson, Congressman Maloney and Mayor Randy Casale. Met with Scenic Hudson and New York State Parks Commission. Met with March of Dimes Organization. Attended Session in Albany.

Period ending 5/15: Attended Orange County Real Estate Summit held at the Newburgh Brewing Company. Attended a meeting with the Medical Society of the State of New York to discuss legislative priorities. Attended Session in Albany.

Period ending 5/8: Attended a meeting with Highland residents held at the Bob Shepard Highland Landing Park to discuss improvements and development of the waterfront. Spoke at a Press Conference in opposition to the Central Hudson-Fortis Merger. The Press Conference was organized by "Citizens for Local Power" and held at the Ulster County Building in Kingston. Handed out certificates to winners of the 26th Annual Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Council Poster Contest Award Ceremony held at Orange County Community College in Newburgh. Co-judged the Walkway Over the Hudson's Guinness record breaking attempt in celebration of "I Love My Park Day" on May 4th. Participated in a joint Press Conference in Albany with Senator Terry Gipson to introduce "Rosie's Law," legislation that allows judges the discretion to allow certain witnesses the ability to testify in the presence of a facility dog. Attended Session in Albany. Attended a meeting with New York Statewide Adoption to discuss adult adoptee rights. Attended Session in Albany.

Period ending 5/1: Participated in a legislative panel held at Orange County Community College in Middletown. Attended Family Service's 2013 Family of the Year

Awards held at The Grandview in Poughkeepsie to honor Wayne and Brigid Nussbickel, recipients of the Lifetime Achievement Award, and The Page Family/Page Park Associates, recipients of the Spirit of the Future Award. Invited as a guest speaker at the Open House and Ribbon Cutting for the new Florence Manor in Poughkeepsie. Invited as a speaker at Mount Saint Mary College's 2nd Annual Pizza and Politics Tour held at their campus in Newburgh. Toured and volunteered at two project locations with Rebuilding Together Dutchess County's in honor of National Rebuilding Day. The two locations visited included: 24 Polar Street in Poughkeepsie and 7 Ryans Avenue in Beacon. Attended Session in Albany. Attended Session in Albany.

Period ending 4/24: Attended Session in Albany. Attended the Tyrone Crabb Park groundbreaking ceremony in honor of former mayor Mary L. Crabb in Newburgh. Attended the Easter egg hunt held at Waryas Park in Poughkeepsie. Attended a meeting with Highland Central School District Superintendent Deborah Haab to discuss education in the district. Met with other elected officials for an update on the current progress of the Mount Beacon Incline Railway Restoration. Attended a meeting with Planned Parenthood Mid-Hudson Valley to discuss 10-point women's equality agenda the Governor proposed in his State of the State Address. Attended the grand opening of the City of Newburgh's Film Office. Attended a meeting with a Pre-K teacher in Newburgh to discuss Pre-K education in the district. Attended Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney's District Office grand opening in Newburgh. Invited as a guest speaker at the United Against Fracking Rally held at the Ulster Legislative offices in Kingston. Invited as a guest speaker at Latinos Unidos' Community March in Newburgh for immigration reform. Attended The Howland Cultural Library's Helen Savoit Library Advocacy Award Ceremony where muralist Rick Price received the award and four retirees were recognized. Attended Session in Albany. Attended Session in Albany. Attended Session in Albany. Spoke out at the Forbis-Central Hudson Rally and Public Hearing held at the City of Poughkeepsie City Hall. Invited to be a guest reader at Horizons-on-the-Hudson in Newburgh in celebration of their "Week of the Young Child." There, he read a book of his choice to Ms. Cyborski and Mr. Cecchini's Pre-K classes. Attended a meeting with Independent Living to discuss transportation concerns in the district. Joined regional State Senators and Assembly Members at the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association's (FASNY) legislative Breakfast where they discussed their agenda and issues they deem critical to the volunteer emergency services. Attended Session in Albany. Attended Session in Albany. Attended Session in Albany.

Period ending 3/25: Attended Session in Albany. Attended a meeting with the Credit Union Association of New York to discuss legislative agenda and priorities for credit unions across New York State. Attended Session in Albany. Attended a meeting with the Mid-Hudson Regional Small Business Development Center to discuss how their center can be of assistance at no charge to constituents in his District. Attended a meeting with the New York State Public Employee Federation to discuss their concerns with the proposed New York State Budget. Held a meeting with President of the Incline Railway Restoration Society regarding an update on the Society's recent efforts. Attended the Episcopal Diocese of New York Rally for national gun control held at the Christ Church in Poughkeepsie. Attended Session in Albany. Attended Session in Albany. Attended a meeting with Northeast Agriculture and Feed Alliance to discuss various feed industry issues. Attended

Session in Albany. Attended Session in Albany. Attended a meeting with a group of youth from Nubian Directions in Poughkeepsie's Youth Build and AmeriCorps programs to discuss various youth issues and increasing the minimum wage. Attended a meeting with Dutchess County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) to discuss projects that are underway in Dutchess County. Attended a meeting with Hudson River Ventures to discuss their work in his District.

Period ending 3/12: Attended Session in Albany. Attended a Marlboro Central School District Board of Education meeting where he provided a legislative update regarding State aid. Attended Dutchess County Legislator Joel Tyner's "Better Choice Budget for New York State" Forum held at the Holy Light Pentecostal Church in Poughkeepsie. Attended Session in Albany. Attended a meeting with members of the Dutchess County and Orange County School Boards to discuss education issues in New York State and District 104. Attended a meeting with Board members of Ulster BOCES and Ulster County School Board to discuss State funding for education. Attended Session in Albany. Attended a meeting with members of NYSUT and SUNY Orange to discuss Orange Community College and State funding for community colleges. Attended a meeting requested by New Paltz Police Department and other Ulster County Police Representatives with Senator Bonacic and other Ulster County Legislators to discuss the Interest Arbitration Cap. Attended Session in Albany.