



*Assemblymember  
Michael P. Kearns*

*Are you  
prepared  
for winter?*

*Dear Resident:*

*As you prepare for WNY's harsh winter and turn on your furnaces, it is important for every home to be equipped with a carbon monoxide detector. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), during 1999-2010, a total of 5,149 deaths occurred in the U.S. from unintentional carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.*

*The Amanda Hansen Foundation ([amandahansenfoundation.org](http://amandahansenfoundation.org)) was founded in 2010 to raise awareness in order to prevent deaths from carbon monoxide poisoning. They have been responsible for placing over 16,000 CO detectors in homes and businesses free of charge since the nonprofit's inception.*

*Partnering with the Amanda Hansen Foundation, my office will be assisting them in surveying our community to identify our neighbors who need a CO detector. We hope to increase awareness of the danger of CO in homes throughout WNY. Additionally, I will be filing legislation to expand the current law beyond homes to include boats and recreational vehicles.*

*As we approach January, which is Carbon Monoxide Awareness Month in the State of New York, I am hopeful many will take the opportunity to participate in this survey. I encourage you to call my district office or visit my website to fill out a survey so that we can gather important information that will be needed to prevent deaths from CO poisoning.*

*Sincerely,*



*Michael P. Kearns  
Member of Assembly*

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