



# Assemblyman Sean Ryan

## Legislative Update

A  
Successful  
Year  
for  
Buffalo,  
Lackawanna  
and  
Hamburg



Dear Friends and Neighbors:

It is an honor to represent you in the New York State Assembly, and I am looking forward to the start of the new Legislative Session in Albany in January. I look forward to continuing the progress we have seen in recent years, with on-time balanced budgets, and great initiatives which are helping to create jobs and grow our economy. While out of legislative session these past few months, I have been busy traveling around the 149th district and working on many important issues which are detailed in this newsletter.

There are many great things happening throughout Buffalo, Lackawanna, and Hamburg, and I look forward to continuing to serve and fight for this community. Please contact my office if I can ever be of any assistance. I wish you and your family the best in the New Year.

Sincerely,

Sean M. Ryan

### Fighting for a Fair Economy



I want to ensure that all New Yorkers receive a fair day's pay for a fair day's work. That is why I have championed raising the minimum wage in New York State, and voted for legislation to help ensure equal pay for women in New York State. I will continue working on these important issues during the upcoming legislative session.



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# Assemblyman Sean Ryan Delivering Results for Western New Yorkers



## Protecting our Environment

Fighting climate change, protecting our environment, and advocating for clean renewable energy are some of my most important goals. This year, I passed legislation to create a tax credit for homeowners who install geothermal energy systems, and I have continued to champion solar energy development across New York. I was also proud to help secure significant budget increases for the state Environmental Protection Fund and millions of dollars to support capital investments in our state parks.



## Investing in Economic Growth

In recent years, New York State has been actively delivering resources to Western New York to help contribute to our economic growth. In order to invest in economic growth, I have been working to improve Buffalo's waterfront, both at Canalside and along the Outer Harbor. In addition, I made sure that the state budget this year included significant funding for infrastructure improvements, and secured a \$25 million increase in funding for upstate transit systems, including the NFTA, one of the most significant increases in recent memory.



## The Queen City Bike Ferry

Since I was first elected to the Assembly, I have been working on issues involving our waterfront, and connectivity has always been a problem. I wanted to see a bicycle and pedestrian ferry that connected Canalside to the Outer Harbor, and I was proud to see my idea take shape this summer with the Queen City Bike Ferry. Over 50,000 people took a ride on the ferry this past summer, greatly exceeding our expectations. The ferry will be back next Memorial Day, with an improved landing area on the Outer Harbor.



## New Investment at the Buffalo Zoo

In September, I attended the grand opening of the new Arctic Edge Exhibit at the Buffalo Zoo. I was proud to secure \$400,000 in state capital funding that was used to fund the construction of the new polar bear exhibit. The Arctic Edge exhibit is a state-of-the-art space for the Buffalo Zoo's polar bears. A thriving Buffalo Zoo is an economic catalyst for Buffalo and all of Western New York. The Arctic Edge exhibit will allow us to keep our polar bears in Buffalo, delivering continued economic benefits.



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## Support for Craft Breweries and Distilleries

Thanks to a focus on repealing prohibition-era laws, craft breweries and distilleries are booming in Western New York. Earlier this year, I helped to pass legislation to help continue this progress and bring some tax relief to this growing sector of our local economy. We expanded tax exemptions that wineries have enjoyed for years to include breweries, distilleries, and cideries. This tax relief will help to continue the growth and momentum of the craft beverage industry in Western New York. It is exciting to see that craft breweries, distilleries, and cideries are offering tastings and tours and becoming just as commonplace as wineries in New York State. All of these small businesses help to create jobs in our community.