



Dear Constituent,

Below please find my latest update on news from Albany and around the district.

Condemning Anti-Islamic Rhetoric and Violence

I strongly condemn the vicious, deadly hate crimes that took place at the Islamic Center of San Diego earlier this week. No one, no matter their religion, should have to fear for their lives as they attend school or bow their heads to pray. Just as we have been seeing a rise in antisemitic rhetoric and attacks against Jewish people, we have also been seeing a rise in Islamophobic rhetoric and attacks against Muslims. All of it must stop, and we must continue to speak out against the normalization of all types of hatred.

Period Poverty Awareness Drive Ending Friday 5/22

Office of Assemblymember
Chris Burdick

Office of Assemblymember
Dana Levenberg

Office of State Senator
Shelley Mayer

**PRODUCTS
NEEDED**

Tampons (regular)
Pads (all sizes)
Panty Liners

Drop-off Locations:

- 914Cares**
28 Kaysal Court, Suite 1, Armonk
24/7 Dropoff
- Office of Assemblymember Burdick**
333 N. Bedford Rd., Suite 131, Mt. Kisco
Monday - Friday | 10:00am - 4:00pm
- Office of Assemblymember Levenberg**
8 Revolutionary Road, Ossining
Call ahead prior to dropoff - (914) 941-1111
- Office of State Senator Shelley Mayer**
235 Mamaroneck Ave., Suite 400, White Plains
(914) 934-5250

PERIOD
POVERTY
AWARENESS
DRIVE

May 1 - May 22

Nearly 1 in 4 students in the US struggles to afford period supplies.

914Cares provides Westchester families with the basic essentials they need to survive and thrive.

Together with State Senator Mayer, Assemblymembers Burdick and Levenberg, we're working to create a healthier, more equitable Westchester.

For more information, please call
914Cares at 914-458-5220 or email
info@914cares.org

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Period poverty, defined as insufficient access to or ability to afford menstrual supplies, impacts up to 25% of women in our area. Last week, I marked Period Poverty Awareness Week by teaming up with 914 Cares, Assemblymember Chris Burdick, and State Senator Shelley Mayer to collect menstrual supplies in my district office. Our drive runs through noon this Friday, May 22; you can drop off supplies with any of our offices. Call (914) 941-1111 to arrange a drop-off at my district office, or [click here to contribute via 914Cares' Period Product Amazon Wishlist](#) anytime, even after the current drive ends. For more information about the drive, call 914Cares at (914) 458-5220 or email info@914cares.org.

Sincerely,
Assemblymember Dana Levenberg

Budget Update



Asking questions in a budget hearing

Budget negotiations are still underway, long after the April 1 deadline. Among many other things I have been advocating to include in this year's budget, I have also begun [speaking out about the need to reform the process itself](#). Currently, the process affords governors far too much latitude to skirt transparency requirements and force the inclusion of policy proposals that would be better handled through the regular legislative process. I have introduced legislation to limit the Governor's ability to coerce legislators to accept policy proposals introduced after the statutory budget deadline. Some of my colleagues are also discussing a constitutional amendment to enable legislators and voters to reform the process without requiring the Governor's signature. I will share more information about these efforts as they progress.



Rallying, meeting with advocates, and more

I am still hopeful that, when all is said and done, we will have a state budget that promotes affordability and sustainability. I am continuing to fight for priorities such as utility reform and relief for ratepayers, universal child care and adequate pre-K funding, funding to ensure continued health care coverage for those who will lose it due to federal funding cuts, and more. I am also fighting to ensure that any compromise on the CLCPA comes with adequate funding and plans to get us moving more quickly than we have been toward our clean energy goals, especially as global events and energy prices demonstrate more clearly than ever that renewable energy is the best path forward for a variety of reasons. We began passing budget bills yesterday, though other sections of the budget are still under discussion. When we have a fully enacted budget, I will send another update with much more on all of the final details.

Legislative Update



In addition to pushing for [legislation to lower home energy costs](#), I am also promoting bills that, if passed, will make New York safer and healthier. I recently joined Senator Harckham and Ossining resident Diana Lemon for a press conference to highlight our renewed effort to pass the [Shepherd-Patterson Notification Act](#). This legislation will help students with medical needs, their families, and educators stay up to date with the information they need to ensure the safety and health of these students. The bill is dedicated to the memory of Diana Lemon's daughter, Dream Ioni Shepherd, a strong and courageous young woman whose battle with sickle cell disease also inspired [Dream's Law](#), which ensured home health care service for patients living with central venous lines. The legislation is also dedicated to one of Dream's teachers, Ms. Patterson, who was able to intervene in a medical emergency because of her awareness of Dream's medical history.



I am also continuing to work with colleagues for the passage of legislation to address other tough issues. We are getting closer to passing a bill to protect New Yorkers from ICE, with legislation that combines elements of the Mandating End of Lawless Tactics (MELT) Act and New York for All. I will share final details once that passes. I am also continuing to fight for the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act, to protect New Yorkers from the harms of microplastics and the expense of the massive plastic burden municipalities are currently being forced to shoulder. I also recently joined colleagues pushing for a data center moratorium; until we have passed legislation to ensure that corporations pay their fair share for their energy usage, and have a better sense of the ecological impacts of these centers, we cannot allow them to come in unchecked.

In the District



Last month I joined several of my colleagues from the Legislature and Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins for an announcement about a new PFAS testing program for private wells, a pilot program we funded in last year's state budget. PFAS contamination is a serious public health threat that must be addressed comprehensively, which includes the testing of private wells. I'm proud that our investment in this pilot program is now giving Westchester & Putnam County families the testing and mitigation resources they deserve. I urge every eligible resident to apply and take this important step toward protecting their family's health; [click here for more information](#).

Mini Podcast Episode: Sustainable Putnam



Sustainable Putnam is one of many local partners helping New Yorkers to lower energy costs through solutions like weatherization, community solar, and clean heating and cooling technologies that reduce reliance on costly fossil fuels. In [episode 4 of my podcast series](#), we featured programs offered by Sustainable Westchester to constituents in Westchester County to assist municipalities, small businesses, and residents in Westchester County with these sorts of initiatives. In [this update](#) to episode 4, my guests - Joe Montuori, Executive Director of Sustainable Putnam and Sean Seary, Community Energy Advisor with the Mid-Hudson Clean Energy Hub - share the latest programs offered by Sustainable Putnam to help Putnam residents take steps towards clean, affordable energy. Click [here](#) to watch it. You can learn more about the Putnam Energy Affordability program at www.sustainableputnam.org/putnam-energy-affordability/.



Honoring constituents all around the district



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Mid-Hudson News: **Putnam Remembers Vietnam Vets**

River Journal Online: **Assemblymembers Levenberg & Shimsky, Mayor Hsu rally in Westchester to Defend Climate Law that Will Lower Energy Bills**

WestFair Online: **Legal Hand Westchester Celebrates Volunteers at Annual Luncheon Highlighting Community Impact**

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