### Constituent Survey (continued)

8.	What do you think the State Legislature's highest priority for 2013 should be?		
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### A message from...

## Assemblywoman Aileen M. Gunther www.assembly.state.ny.us



Dear Friends –

As your Assemblywoman, my priority will always be to fight for what matters to the people I represent. For seniors, that means protecting the EPIC and Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly Programs (EISEP) and maintaining spousal refusal for long-term care. I'm

proud to have fought this year to make sure that these programs were protected and happy to report that they were.

There's more work to be done, and I will continue to work with you and for you to make sure you get the help you need.

If I can be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Aileen M. Gunther Member of Assembly

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#### **Protecting EPIC**

EPIC helps low and moderate-income seniors pay for medication costs not covered by Medicare. The state budget restores \$30 million in funding to EPIC for assistance with Medicare Part D copayments. Starting in 2013, seniors will once again pay between \$3 and \$20 for each prescription.

For more information about EPIC, call 1-800-332-3742 or visit: http://www.health.ny.gov/health\_care/epic/





## **Expanded In-Home Services** for the Elderly Programs

EISEP assists people aged 60 and older who want to remain at home, and are not eligible for Medicaid. The program helps seniors with everyday activities, such as dressing, bathing, personal care, shopping and cooking.

The EISEP program receives state and local funding. In addition, EISEP clients are required to cost share according to a sliding scale reflecting their income and the cost of the services they receive.

For more information about EISEP, contact the Sullivan County Office for the Aging at 845-807-0241.



#### Maintaining Spousal Refusal

Spousal refusal provides critical support for many seniors who are struggling with the cost of long-term care. Without spousal refusal, an elderly husband or wife would have to spend down their assets and income toward an ill spouse's care until they meet the Medicaid eligibility threshold. By maintaining spousal refusal, a husband or wife can avoid becoming impoverished in order for their spouse to receive the care they need.

# Constituent Survey (check choice)

1.	Do you support the legalization of casino gambling in New York State?		
	☐ Yes	□ No	
2.	Do you think New York's 2% Property Tax Cap has been effective?		
	☐ Yes	□ No	
3.	Would you support efforts to increase organ donation in New York by requiring people to opt out of being a registered donor (versus opting in when they register or renew a driver's license)?		
	☐ Yes	□ No	
4.	Do you think farmers should receive more government support and/or incentives?		
	☐ Yes	□ No	
5.	Do you think that New York State is on the right track?		
	☐ Yes	□ No	
6.	What is the main source of your news about state government?		
	☐ Newspaper		
7.	. Which of the following social networ do you use?		
	☐ Facebook	☐ Twitter	
	☐ YouTube ☐ Other:	□ None	

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