



Winter Newsletter

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Legislative Highlights

In addition to helping pass the 2018-19 state budget, Assemblywoman Woerner authored multiple pieces of legislation that were signed into law.

To help ease the burden on local taxpayers and promote environmental conservation, I authored legislation **requiring New York State to pay taxes on 600 acres of grasslands that were recently acquired in Washington County**. The state Department of Environmental Conservation will purchase the land – located in the towns of Argyle, Fort Edward, and Kingsbury – and the Friends of the IBA will be tasked with managing the property and preserving its wildlife habitats. The state already pays taxes on preserved land in other parts of the state, and it was only fair that Washington County received the same benefit (*Ch. 196 of 2018*).

Affordable health care is a right that every New Yorker should be able to enjoy. But far too often financial barriers prevent our families from getting the care they need and strain local budgets and taxpayers. That's why I passed legislation **enabling HMOs to offer employees of certain municipalities a group high-deductible health plan in conjunction with a health reimbursement or savings account** (*Ch. 264 of 2018*).

To encourage schools to purchase food directly from New York State farmers, I spearheaded a bill **eliminating bureaucratic red tape so farmers can sell more of their**

products and students can access even more nutritious, locally sourced food. This change allows county boards to adopt their own policies and procedures regarding these food purchases, without having to wait for state approval (*Ch. 371 of 2018*).

In order to eliminate unnecessary and costly travel expenses, I passed legislation to **make all the pre-licensing coursework for insurance agents available remotely**. Previously, courses for personal lines insurance, such as property, could only be completed in person. This requirement made it difficult for small, rural agencies to take on new employees and compete with their larger competitors. My legislation will help level the playing field for businesses in Washington and Saratoga counties (*Ch. 365 of 2018*).

I also passed a law to **include the communities surrounding Round Lake among the list of inland waterways eligible for the New York State Local Waterfront Revitalization Program**. The program helps communities attract business development, preserve vital ecosystems, and obtain public and private investment (*Ch. 133 of 2018*).

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Legislative Highlights (cont.)

To further stimulate redevelopment and unlock additional revenue sources, I authored a measure **allowing businesses in the village of Hudson Falls that are near houses of worship to obtain retail liquor licenses**. By eliminating this archaic restriction, we can ensure that Hudson Falls can continue to grow and flourish (*Ch. 240 of 2018*).

The craft beer industry is thriving all across the Empire State, and it's critical that we continue to promote this burgeoning field. In talking with the owners of Dry Town Hops in Argyle and R.S. Taylor and Sons Brewery in Saratoga, I learned that hopyard growers still face significant challenges. That's why I passed a law **extending the same real property tax abatement that vineyards and orchards already receive to hopyards** (*Ch. 192 of 2018*).

To better ensure the safety of Hudson Falls residents, I passed legislation **making one of the village's part-time police officers eligible to sit for the civil service exam to become a full-time officer** (*Ch. 122 of 2018*).



I was honored to attend the swearing-in ceremony of Officer Ed Ackley. I was proud to help by passing legislation necessary to expedite his hiring by the Hudson Falls Police Department. Congratulations Officer Ackley, and thank you for your service!

Upcoming Town Halls

Sunday, February 17, 1 p.m.

**Dutcher Room
Saratoga Springs Public Library
49 Henry St., Saratoga Springs**

Wednesday, February 20, 6:30 p.m.

**Moreau Community Center
144 Main St., South Glens Falls**

Tuesday, February 19, 6:30 p.m.

**Community Room
Greenwich Library
148 Main St., Greenwich**

Thursday, February 21, 6:30 p.m.

**Historic Courthouse
122 Main St., Hudson Falls**

These Early College Career Academy students came up with a new, unique product called "Serene Tea," an all-natural, caffeine-free, flavored tea that helps reduce anxiety and stress. It's wonderful to see that the entrepreneurial spirit is alive and well in these young men and women.



Jim and Erin's Goats Galore, a goat milk soap farm located in Hartford, is now selling their bars of soap in the new Adirondack Gateway Welcome Center located between exits 17 and 18 on the Northway! I was thrilled to visit the farm and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

Constituent Survey

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

1. Do you support the New York Health Act, which would establish a universal health care system and expand coverage eligibility to include all residents, regardless of pre-existing conditions or ability to pay?

- Yes No
 Unsure/Need more information

2. Do you support the legalization and taxation of recreational marijuana for New Yorkers ages 21 and older?

- Yes No
 Unsure/Need more information

3. Do you believe New York should allow early voting, which would enable eligible voters to cast their ballots during a one-week period prior to a primary, general or special election?

- Yes No
 Unsure/Need more information

4. Currently, voters can only receive an absentee ballot if they will be out of the district on Election Day or have an illness or disability. Do you believe all New Yorkers should be able to vote by mail, no matter what?

- Yes No
 Unsure/Need more information

5. Do you support allowing any unregistered potential voter to register and vote on the same day?

- Yes No
 Unsure/Need more information

6. The LLC loophole allows any individual or corporation to make nearly unlimited and anonymous contributions to the same candidate by creating multiple limited liability corporations (LLCs). Do you support closing this loophole?

- Yes No
 Unsure/Need more information

7. What issues are important to you that you would like to see addressed in the 2019 legislative session?

Additional Comments:

This survey can also be filled out online at nyassembly.gov/Woerner



“I hope this holiday season has brought you and your family peace and joy. I wish you a happy New Year and look forward to seeing you out and about in the community!”

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**Do you have any questions, comments or concerns?
My office is here to help!**

I want to hear from you – please take a few minutes to fill out and return the attached survey on the issues that matter most to you.

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