

Dear Neighbor,

I hope this letter finds you and your family doing well. I want to share an update on the work we've been doing over the past year.

Please take a minute to fill out the constituent survey inside so I know what issues are most important to address in the 2025 state legislative session. I look forward to hearing from you, and I'll continue to be a strong, productive voice in Albany for you. Wishing you and yours a happy new year!

Sincerely,



Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner
Member, NYS Assembly
113th Assembly District
Saratoga, Warren & Washington Counties



LOOKING BACK...

During last year's legislative session, I passed 17 bills, making me one of the most productive legislators in the Assembly. To date, 12 of those have been signed into law. Since I last updated you by mail, the following **nine bills became law**:

- ★ **Ch. 311 of 2024** allows for the designation of students as ex-officio (non-voting) members of school boards.
- ★ **CH. 316 OF 2024** authorizes blood storage and transfusion on emergency transport vehicles.
- ★ **CH. 321 OF 2024** authorizes the Village of Round Lake in Saratoga County to extend the lease of certain village park lands for the purpose of uninterrupted cell service.
- ★ **CH. 402 OF 2024** extends provisions relating to the health savings account pilot program.
- ★ **CH. 635 OF 2024** creates an "I ♥ NY Historic Small Business" marketing campaign.
- ★ **CH. 535 OF 2024** raises public awareness about the importance of oral health to overall well-being. It is one of the first in our suite of dental-related bills to become law.
- ★ **CH. 563 OF 2024** amends loan length for electric school buses to account for the actual service life.
- ★ **CH. 604 OF 2024** requires representation for agricultural producers on the state Fire Prevention and Building Code Council.
- ★ **CH. 629 OF 2024** requires representation from all regions of New York on the Council of the Arts.



...LOOKING FORWARD

I'm always eager to review survey results, as they provide valuable insight into the priorities of my constituents. My goal is to translate your priorities into meaningful legislative action—that is the core of my work.

During this year's legislative session, I will focus on affordability in our housing and energy, health care initiatives to address access and nursing home care, all while ensuring support for everyone in our community from youth to veterans. As the new chair of the Racing and Wagering Committee, I look forward to showcasing how this powerful economic engine positively impacts so many individuals and communities.

I truly enjoy being out in the community, and this fall was especially busy with a variety of events, including a Horse Farm Tour, an electric vehicle bus roundtable, an arts roundtable, a book drive, a holiday toy collection and so much more.

Over the years, I've worked hard to keep my constituents informed about my activities. Moving forward, my goal is to enhance communication beyond quarterly newsletters and social media. I will begin sending brief emails to help bridge the gap between our communities and my work as your voice in Albany.



2025 CONSTITUENT SURVEY

See back for return instructions

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Surveys may also be completed online at : nyassembly.gov/Woerner.



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1. How do you most often stay informed about local and state news? (Select all that apply)

- Cable/streaming services
- Email subscriptions
- Newspapers
- Podcasts
- Radio
- Social media
- Word of mouth

2. What industry growth do you think would benefit our area the most? (Select 1)

- Agriculture
- Health care
- Manufacturing
- Raw materials processing
- Renewable energy (solar, wind, hydropower)
- Technology
- Tourism

3. On a scale of 1-5, with 1 being the highest priority, rate how each of the following contributes to a safer community.

- Accessible mental health and addiction recovery services
- After-school programs
- Armed school resource officers
- Clean streets and park space
- Employment opportunities
- Good economy
- Good schools
- Gun ownership
- Less gun ownership
- More judicial discretion on bail
- More police
- More security cameras
- Quick first responders
- Well-lit streets and parking lots

4. Climate change, shifting to cleaner fuels/renewable energy, land conservation, recycling and composting are topics that many constituents have raised with me. How high of a priority is addressing climate change and reducing our carbon footprint to you? (Select 1)

- Highest
- Moderately high
- Neutral
- Moderately low
- Lowest

5. Related to energy and the environment, which of the following policies would you support? (Circle Yes or No)

- Creating fees and emissions taxes to pay for environmental programs Y | N
- Improve bottle/can recycling Y | N
- Incentives for shifting to lower carbon fuels, including electric vehicles Y | N
- Incentives for replacing gas appliances and heating systems with electric or geothermal systems Y | N
- Investing in farmland conservation Y | N
- Investing in advanced nuclear energy production Y | N
- Require producers to recycle packaging Y | N
- Require all new residential and commercial construction to be all-electric buildings Y | N

6. Do you or an organization you are involved with use redemption centers to recycle bottles/cans and receive money?

- YES
- NO
- UNSURE

7. Redemption centers are small local businesses that play a key role in recycling cans/bottles. Many redemption centers have closed because the handling fee (3.5 cents per can) is insufficient to cover the increased labor costs for sorting. I have introduced a bill that raises the fee to 5 cents and addresses fraud. Would you support this? (Note: the handling fee is not paid by the consumer)

- YES
- NO
- UNSURE

8. What are the biggest hurdles you face to accessing health care? (Select all that apply)

- Cost
- Insufficient insurance coverage
- Location
- Stigma/Discrimination
- Work-related time off
- No issues
- Provider availability (limited hours, wait times, etc.)

9. Do you support creating a government-administered health care system as the solution to the rising cost of private health insurance?

- YES
- NO
- UNSURE

10. Do you believe more needs to be done to promote awareness of the potential health impacts of vaping and cannabis use?

- YES
- NO
- UNSURE

11. Does your household rely on food security programs such as SNAP, food pantries, reduced school meals, backpack programs, soup kitchens, etc.?

- YES
- NO
- UNSURE

12. Housing availability is a topic that often comes up while discussing a wide range of issues: attracting new business, homelessness, etc. What housing solutions are your priority? (Rank the highest priority as 1 and the lowest priority as 5)

- Attainable homeownership for first-time home buyers and downsizing seniors
- Government-subsidized apartments for low-income residents
- Housing for specialized populations (individuals with mental illness or with physical or developmental disabilities)
- Housing rental vouchers for homeless individuals
- Senior-only rental apartments

13. What do you think the state should do to reduce the budget gap?

- Cut spending
- Raise revenue

13A. If you answered, "cut spending," how?

- Cut spending in all areas at a fixed percent
- Maintain spending in some areas and not others

13B. If you answered, "maintain spending" in some areas, what are your priority areas to fund? (Select up to 5)

- Addiction prevention/treatment/recovery
- Bridge and road infrastructure
- Child care
- Education (K-12)
- Environment
- Health care
- Higher education
- Housing
- Local governments
- Property tax relief
- Nutrition and health
- Parks and trails
- Public protection
- Senior care
- Water and sewer infrastructure
- Workforce development (trades, apprenticeships, nursing, etc.)

13C. If you answered, "raise revenue," how?

- Increase taxes on certain goods (champagne, cigarettes, etc.)
- Increase income taxes on earnings over \$1 million
- Increase income taxes on earnings over \$5 million
- New tax on second homes in NYC valued more than \$1 million

14. Do you have any other questions or concerns you want to share ?

**DO YOU HAVE
ANY QUESTIONS,
COMMENTS OR
CONCERNS? MY
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TO HELP!**

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