

# Bailey's Briefing

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## FROM THE DESK OF ANDREA BAILEY:



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Spring is the time for fresh starts, and in Albany, that means new opportunities to plant the seeds of positive change. This is why I introduced legislation that I believe will help grow our rural economy, empower young farmers, and protect the land we love for generations to come.

Let me introduce you to “Farmland for a New Generation” (A.7607)—a bill that’s about more than just farming, it’s about the future of our farming communities. This program, under the oversight of the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, would be in coordination with American Farmland Trust to establish a statewide resource center for farmland transition and conservation to provide financial assistance to partnering organizations.

Warmly,

Assemblywoman Andrea Bailey  
133rd Assembly District of NYS



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# Albany Update

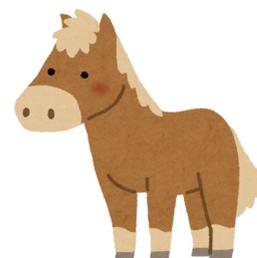
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Budget season in Albany has been anything but smooth. Unfortunately, the process has been dragged out due to prolonged negotiations and behind-closed-doors decision-making. It's frustrating to see how much time has been lost – time that should've been spent delivering real solutions for New Yorkers. I came to Albany to bring transparency, accountability, and common sense to state government, and I will not stop advocating for my people in the 133<sup>rd</sup> district.



During the Rural Resources Fair at the Legislative Office Building, we had a special visitor – Rocky the miniature horse! Rocky captured everyone's attention and reminded us all of the unique charm and value of rural life. Events like this highlight the deep connections we share with our agricultural communities and the importance of supporting the people who keep them strong.



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I had the opportunity to meet with representatives from the Rochester School for the Deaf, St. Mary's School for the Deaf in Buffalo, and the 4201 Schools of New York State. These schools provide vital, specialized education and resources that empower students to succeed. Hearing firsthand about the incredible work they do – and the lives they impact every day – was truly inspiring.



One of the most rewarding parts of being an elected official has been meeting with the many organizations that help shape legislative processes – especially when I get to connect with familiar faces from back home. Last month, I was glad to see Heather in Albany as she advocated for the Finger Lakes - Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance. I'm grateful for the opportunity to hear about the important work being done to protect and enhance our water resources.

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I was honored to co-host the Women in Agriculture Legislative Breakfast in Avon, where I joined Senator Pam Helming and Allison Barkowski from Congresswoman Tenney's Office for a thoughtful Q&A forum. The event was a great opportunity to highlight the essential role women play in agriculture and to have meaningful conversations about the challenges and opportunities facing our local farming communities.



It was a privilege to welcome Holly Watson, Livingston County Historian, and recognize her as a 2024 Woman of Distinction. Holly and I worked closely during my time with Livingston County, and I've always valued the partnership we shared. It was an especially meaningful moment as Governor Kathy Hochul also joined us in honoring Holly and the other outstanding women from across New York State.



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I had the privilege of attending the Wayland Hose Company Annual Banquet and celebrating the dedication of its incredible members. This year, I was honored to present citations to two remarkable individuals: Roger King, in recognition of his 40 years of dedicated service, and Michael Cotter, for his outstanding 50 years of service. Their unwavering commitment embodies the spirit of community and resilience that makes our local departments so special.



I had a great time attending the ribbon-cutting ceremony for Long Agency Insurance in Mt. Morris at its newly renovated location! Congratulations to Rick, Jessica, and the entire team. Supporting local businesses is key to what makes our communities thrive. Wishing the Long Agency all the best as it continues to serve our community!



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**Question:**

What does the state budget process look like?

-Tim D.

**Answer:**

"The state budget process is a tedious and collaborative process that involves several key steps. First, the Governor submits a proposed budget to the legislature, which includes recommendations for funding various state programs and services. After the proposal is presented, both the State Assembly and Senate review the budget and hold hearings to gather input from the public, local governments, and advocacy groups.

As your representative, I participate in these discussions to ensure that the needs of our district are heard. Once both chambers review the budget, they may propose changes, which are then negotiated before a final version is agreed upon. This final budget is then passed by the legislature and signed into law by the Governor."



**Have a question for Andrea?**

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