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DEFENSIVE DRIVING:

Mike encourages everyone to stay up to date on the latest developments on driver safety—and save money on their insurance—by taking defensive driving courses. You can find a variety of options that are vetted and approved by the state Department of Motor Vehicles on their website at <https://dmv.ny.gov/pirp/online> or by scanning the QR code.



YELLOW DOT PROGRAM:

To help keep us safe after a car crash or other emergency, Assemblyman Mike Norris is partnering with the New York Sheriffs' Association to promote their Yellow Dot Program. This free public safety program provides a Yellow Dot Kit to New Yorkers so they can stick a "yellow dot" on the driver's side rear window of their vehicle to notify first responders that vital medical information can be found in the glove compartment in case there is an emergency. This information is critical to protect your life, and you never know when an emergency may happen. More than 2 million free Yellow Dot kits have already been distributed to New Yorkers. Go to <https://nysheriffs.org/yellowdot/> or scan the QR code to request yours.

Assembly Minority Task Force on **LEARNING FOR WORK**



Task Force Co-Chairs: ASSEMBLYMAN KEN BLANKENBUSH ASSEMBLYMAN MIKE NORRIS



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report.**

EMERGENCIES OFTEN HAPPEN WHEN WE ARE LEAST PREPARED FOR THEM.



To prepare your home for a variety of emergencies, including falls, fires, accidental poisonings, scalds, suffocation, drowning, and more, please download a copy of the Home SAFE Home checklist reference guide courtesy of NYS Department of Health:
<https://www.health.ny.gov/publications/3106.pdf>



For information on how to build an emergency supplies kit and the Four Steps to Preparedness, please go to the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services' website:
<https://www.dhses.ny.gov/emergency-happens>



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Neighbors:



It has been an extraordinary privilege to serve as your State Assemblyman over these past eight years. Thank you for this opportunity to be your voice in Albany and to fight for our district.

When I was sworn into office in 2017, I walked into the Assembly chamber for the first time as a Member and said that I was thinking of you—all of the hardworking families and farmers, the nurses and direct care workers, our highway crews, law enforcement, firefighters and EMTs, teachers and community organizations, and everyone here in Western New York who helps make this a special place to call home. I meant it and pledged to work hard and focus on improving our quality of life.

Today, I am pleased to report that we have made substantial progress on key areas in improving the opportunities for New Yorkers. Because of the work done with my colleagues through our Assembly Minority Task Force on Learning for Work, which I co-chaired, the topic of workforce development was put front and center, and it helped focus the state on the importance of trades and professional skills, curb the mass exodus of recent graduates, create new career pathways, and encourage the state to invest in innovation and high-tech manufacturing—changing the economic landscape for communities upstate and Western New York for generations to come.¹

Speaking of landscape, I was proud to have worked with the New York Farm Bureau to help stand up for the agriculture industry on many issues including improving food and farm security², speaking out against mandates that drive up costs³, supporting the Niagara Wine Trail, helping breweries with licensing, promoting farmers' markets, and helping reimagine the agriculture industry so our farms and food producers can excel for generations to come.⁴

Regarding our local infrastructure, record funding was secured for our local roads, bridges, sewers, and culverts.⁵ The Lake Ontario Resiliency and Economic Development Initiative (REDI) was delivered, which committed \$300 million to communities along Lake Ontario and directly assisted property owners, small businesses, and municipalities in Wilson, Somerset,

1. <https://www.assembly.state.ny.us/mem/Michael-J-Norris/story/100769>

2. A.6948

3. A.1012, A.5352, A.1690; <https://assembly.state.ny.us/mem/Michael-J-Norris/story/103665>

4. A.5708, A.9223, A.2954, A.2040

5. <https://nyassembly.gov/mem/Michael-J-Norris/story/109131>; <https://nyassembly.gov/mem/Michael-J-Norris/story/110259>

6. <https://assembly.state.ny.us/mem/Michael-J-Norris/story/87276>

7. <https://www.wgrz.com/article/money/business/discover-niagara-shuttle-expands-reach-in-niagara-county/71-572aaca8-9eab-4c46-9a9f-dfe44c9bc33f>; <https://assembly.state.ny.us/mem/Michael-J-Norris/story/90652>;

8. <https://assembly.state.ny.us/mem/Michael-J-Norris/story/108552>; <https://assembly.state.ny.us/mem/Michael-J-Norris/story/97616>

9. A.7119 and A.108-B of 2021.

10. <https://nyassembly.gov/mem/Michael-J-Norris/story/85934>

11. <https://nyassembly.gov/mem/Michael-J-Norris/story/109120>

12. <https://nyassembly.gov/mem/Michael-J-Norris/story/110259>

and Newfane, including the new break wall in the Olcott Harbor.⁶ And we increased resources to enhance tourism and economic development to improve the infrastructure of the Erie Canal, the downtown revitalization of the City of Lockport through a \$10 million grant, and the expansion of the Discover Niagara Shuttle to include the City of Lockport along with maintaining service at Old Fort Niagara in Youngstown.⁷

Listening to my constituents, I undertook two additional initiatives statewide in promoting the retention and recruitment of volunteer firefighters and the prevention of childhood drownings. I am grateful that funding for new volunteer firefighters' stipends and additional infrastructure resources for our departments have been allocated in the state budget and the \$150 million NY SWIMS Program is already making our state safer by increasing access to swimming lessons and recruiting and retaining lifeguards.⁸

Whether it's the historic work accomplished to provide safe staffing levels for our nurses⁹, increased assistance for our direct care workers who help our most vulnerable¹⁰, championing more construction aid for our libraries¹¹, and pushing back against Foundation Aid educational changes, which would have adversely impacted our local teachers¹², our key Western New York resources and quality of life were protected.

As I embark now in serving Western New York as a State Supreme Court Judge and begin a new chapter in my life, I want you to know how grateful I am to have had the opportunity to represent you in Albany as your Assemblyman. Thank you to my staff, colleagues, and fellow citizens who I had the honor to work with to achieve progress in our great Assembly District.

I've been especially proud to help bring the community together through events like the Christmas in July Toy Drive benefiting children with cancer and other serious illnesses at the John R. Oishei Children's Hospital, hands-only CPR classes and blood drives, and the collection of peanut butter and jelly for our children who are in need. Thank you to everyone who helped with these important projects.

And, when faced with unprecedented challenges, we have rallied together. Through floods, the pandemic, and more, our community has come together and became stronger because of the tremendous resiliency and support of the people of the 144th Assembly District.

I have never been prouder to call our community home.

We've been stronger together, and it has been my honor to serve you. I sincerely thank you.

Best wishes,



Michael J. Norris

Assemblyman – 144TH Assembly District

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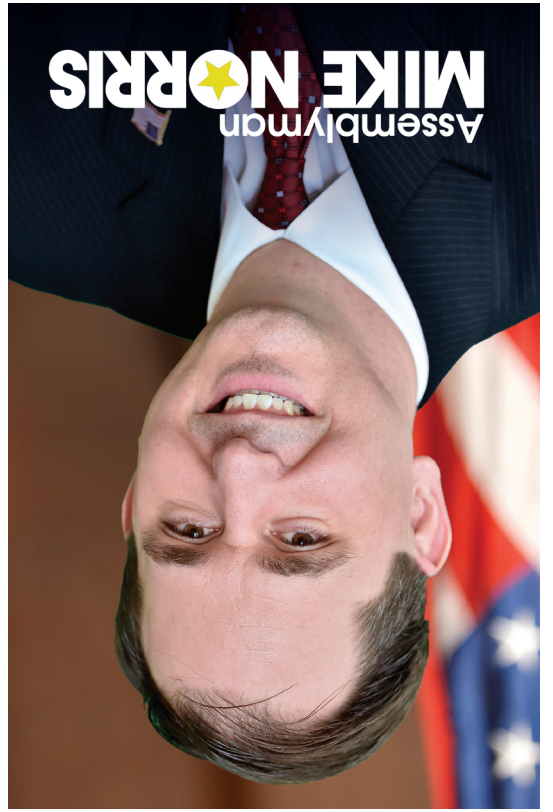
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My staff and I are committed to a continuity in services for the people of the 14th Assembly District. Please do not hesitate to reach out should you need assistance.

We're here to help.

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A special legislative update and message

**FROM ASSEMBLYMAN
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