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"Citizen involvement is the cornerstone of our democracy. *I want to hear directly from Western New Yorkers* about the issues that matter the most to their communities as the state looks forward to economic recovery in 2022 and beyond."

- Assemblymember Jon D. Rivera



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**Assemblymember Jon Rivera**  
65 Grant Street  
Buffalo, NY 14213

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# Assemblymember Jon Rivera needs your input



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Dear neighbor,

I hope this finds you and your family well. My first year as your Assemblymember has been one filled with invaluable lessons, vital coalition building and productive legislative headway that will build a better state for all New Yorkers.

As a state, we've made substantial gains and progress this past year as we continue our economic recovery from Covid-19. The New York State Assembly Majority took great strides to ensure that residents receive the support and resources they need to weather the storm.

Through the legislative funding process, I am proud to have secured \$40,000 for youth programs in the Village of Hamburg, \$30,000 for pickleball courts in the Village of Blasdell, and \$42,000 in parks and recreation improvements in the Town of Hamburg.

This year's state budget provides the Hamburg Central School District and Frontier Central School District with a combined \$68.7 million of funding from New York State for FY 2021-2022. The \$68.7 million of combined funding for schools in Hamburg in 2021-2022 represents a 10.6 percent increase from last year's state funding for the districts. Hamburg will receive \$28.8 million (a \$2.9 million increase) and Frontier will receive \$39.9 million (a \$3.7 million increase).

To help middle-class families, included in this year's budget package is a property tax credit in the form of a "circuit breaker" to provide tax credits on state income taxes. It will provide a personal income tax credit for certain property taxpayers who pay a disproportionate share of their income to property taxes.

Two bills that I helped to pass will protect homeowners and renters from the dangers of lead-based paint. The Department of Financial Services allows insurance companies to write general liability policies that specifically exclude lead poisoning claims from their coverage. Bill A.7488 requires that liability coverage includes injuries or damage caused by exposure to lead paint.

Bill A6608A, or the "Lead-based Paint Disclosure Act," requires property owners to conduct lead paint tests and provide the reports of such tests before selling or leasing the property. This bill will also give state health officials the knowledge of which properties do and do not have lead paint hazards.

In order to safeguard health care workers and improve nursing homes, legislation passed this session focuses on quality improvement, oversight and transparency, and enforcement. Additional bills passed (A.108-B, A.7119) will set and enforce safe staffing ratios in nursing homes and hospitals across the state.

Now, I'm asking for your feedback on key issues so that I can continue to advocate for our community in the coming year. Please take a moment to fill out my 2021-22 survey, and as always, should you have questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to me at 716-885-9630 or riverajd@nyassembly.gov.

Sincerely,

Jon Rivera  
Member of Assembly  
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# Hamburg Community Survey

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- Which of the following do you believe are the most important issues facing our district? *(Circle all that apply)*
  - Creating jobs
  - Holding the line on property taxes
  - Increasing access to affordable health care
  - Protecting our environment
  - Speeding up COVID-19 economic recovery
  - Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Would you support creating a "Medicare For All" health insurance system in New York that would provide coverage to all residents regardless of pre-existing conditions or ability to pay? *(Circle one)*
  - Strongly support
  - Support
  - Neutral
  - Oppose
  - Strongly oppose
- What community concerns are not currently being addressed by the New York State Legislature?
 

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- The Climate and Community Investment Act would put a fee on carbon emissions and other pollutants. It would raise an estimated \$15 billion to be invested in renewables, weatherization, support for disadvantaged communities and rebates for low-income consumers. How strongly do you support such a proposal? *(Circle one)*
  - Strongly support
  - Support
  - Neutral
  - Oppose
  - Strongly oppose
- How often do you utilize the Nike Base? *(Circle one)*
  - Often
  - Occasionally
  - Not at all
- Do you know someone who utilizes the Hamburg Senior Center? *(Circle one)*
  - Yes
  - No
- If you have children, how often do they utilize their nearest playground? *(Circle one)*
  - Often
  - Occasionally
  - Not at all
- What services, not currently offered, would you like to see the Village of Hamburg offer?
 

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- Using a 1-4 scale, rate the following issues in terms of importance: *(1 being the most important, 4 being the least important)*
  - Having a short commute to work \_\_\_\_\_
  - Abundant municipal services \_\_\_\_\_
  - Access to high-speed Internet \_\_\_\_\_
  - Amenities within walking distance of your home \_\_\_\_\_
- When driving into the city, do you use the I-90, or Route 5/Skyway? *(Circle one)*
  - Yes
  - No
- Using a 1-3 scale, rate the following large-scale construction projects in terms of importance: *(1 being the most important, 3 being the least important)*
  - Route 5 reconstruction \_\_\_\_\_
  - Removal of the Skyway \_\_\_\_\_
  - Local roads \_\_\_\_\_
- How often do you utilize Hamburg Beach? *(Circle one)*
  - Often
  - Occasionally
  - Not at all



You can also complete this survey online at: [nyassembly.gov/mem/Jonathan-Rivera](https://nyassembly.gov/mem/Jonathan-Rivera) or by scanning the QR Code above.

For questions or concerns, call 716-885-9630 or email [riverajd@nyassembly.gov](mailto:riverajd@nyassembly.gov)