

Dear Neighbor,

I hope this letter finds you and your family doing well. I'd like to share with you an update on the work we've been doing over the last six months.

Please take a minute to fill out the constituent survey inside, so I know what issues are most important to address in the 2024 state legislative session. I look forward to hearing from you, and I'll continue to be a strong voice in Albany for you. I'm confident that we are heading into a productive new year! Wishing you and yours a happy holiday season.

Sincerely,



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

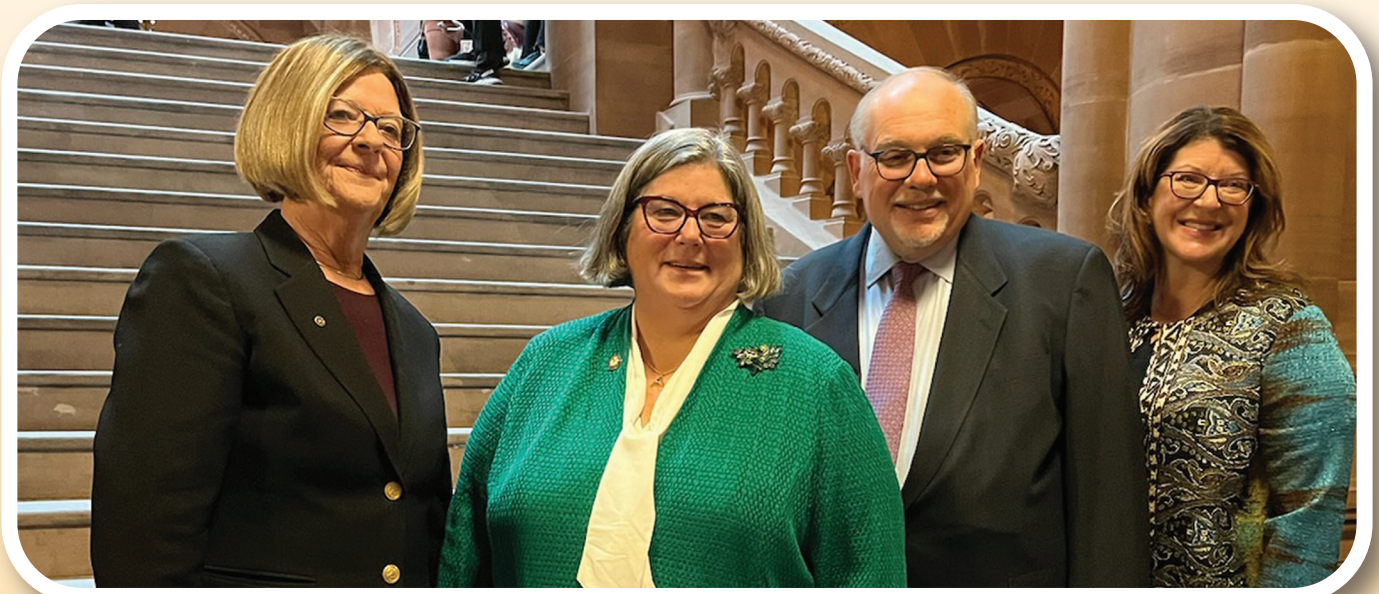


Legislative Update & Looking Ahead

During the 2023 legislative session, I passed 15 bills through the state Assembly with bipartisan support — 12 of these have been signed into law. This past year, I have met with dozens of constituents, talking with them about the issues that matter most to them. As we head into the 2024 Legislative Session, I will be working with my colleagues to address these issues.

In addition to A. 5373, which focuses on the shortage of dental care in Upstate New York, I will also be introducing bills that provide an alternative to the 1-year residency requirement for dentists, establish an oral health public awareness campaign and help lower the cost of dental care in New York.

Over the summer and fall, I hosted several bullying prevention listening sessions, where I heard from students, teachers and school officials about their experiences. We will continue to reach out to parents, students, and teachers and use what we learn to help ensure every child can attend school without the fear of being bullied or harassed.





Pictured here outside my District Office is now-retired sailor, Courtney Roach. Courtney brought a problem to my attention and worked with me to create legislation that helped resolve it.

Supporting Seniors

This past August, I welcomed Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie to Glens Falls. Together, we paid a visit to the Glens Falls Senior Center, where we met with local seniors and discussed the issues affecting them most. We were also excited to announce \$620,000 in funding for the center, including \$500,000 to upgrade their basement elevator, outdoor ramp and indoor chair lift to make them compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, as well as to update the center's windows and van.

This funding also includes \$100,000 for new equipment for the senior center, such as wood workshop tools, and \$20,000 for a new speaker system. It's always a pleasure to welcome the Speaker to our 113th District community, and I look forward to his next visit.



Transportation

During the 2023 session, I passed a bill allowing the Capital District Transportation Authority to merge with Greater Glens Falls Transit (Ch. 411 of 2023). This merger will expand the CDTA to Warren County, providing residents and employers access to the Authority's large array of mobility services and future expansions. Combining the resources of these organizations will create new opportunities, encourage economic development and innovation and forge stronger connections between Saratoga Springs, Glens Falls, Lake George and the Greater Capital Region.

This past summer, the CDTA also announced a reconfiguration of the FLEX Service, which will now include a stretch along the Hudson River from Stillwater to Mechanicville.



Libraries

As chair of the Assembly's Libraries and Education Technology Committee, I've spent this past year looking for new ways for the state Legislature to continue supporting our local libraries. This past October, I chaired a public hearing on how the state Legislature can more effectively utilize its library construction aid funding. What we learned in this hearing will help inform next year's budget. Locally, I was excited to attend the grand opening of Schuylerville Library's new pavilion. This "Schuylervilion" was constructed with funds provided in the 2020 Library Construction Aid Budget.



Constituent Survey

See back for return instructions

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Visit tinyurl.com/woerner-survey
or scan the QR code to take this
survey online!



1. Do you have **access to basic health care services** in your town or the neighboring town? Basic health care services are defined as a primary care physician, dentist, OB/GYN, pediatric care and mental health in-person services. Please check all that you have access to:

___ Primary Care Physician ___ Dentist ___ OB/GYN
___ Pediatric Care ___ Mental Health In-Person Care

2. The **New York Health Act** proposes to establish a comprehensive system of access to health insurance for New York State residents. My goal is to better understand how my constituents get their insurance and pay for it. Please check the option most applicable to you:

- Your employer provides and pays a portion of your health insurance premium.
 You pay a commercial insurance company for your health insurance.
 You are enrolled in New York's Medicaid program for your health insurance.

3. Are you satisfied with your **access to health insurance**?

- Yes No

4. Do you have adequate **cell phone coverage** where you live and work and in between?

- Where I live Yes No
Where I work Yes No
Throughout my commute from where I live to where I work Yes No

5. Access to the internet remains an issue for some. Do you have access to **adequate broadband services** at your home to meet your family's needs?

- Yes No

6. Which recycling method do you use most often to recycle your bottles and cans?

- Pay for curbside pickup of recyclables.
 Return bottles and cans to the store where they were purchased.
 Bring recyclable bottles and cans to a redemption center.
 I don't recycle/redeem bottles and cans.

7. The **Bigger Better Bottle Bill (A.6353)** has many aspects to it. Please rank the following four parts of this legislation in order of priority (1 being the most important to you and 4 being the least important.)

- ___ Expand the types of containers that can be recycled to reduce waste in landfills.
___ Increase the handling fee paid to Redemption Centers to help their financial stability.
___ Increase the deposit amount from 5 to 10 cents as incentive for increased redemption and recycling.
___ Don't support any changes to New York's recycling program.

8A. New York State has adopted policies that significantly reduce harmful air emissions as part of its **Climate Action Plan**. To better understand my constituents' situation, please indicate how you primarily **heat** your home:

- with electricity
 with natural gas
 with oil
 with propane

8B. What type of stove do you primarily use to **cook** at home?

- an electric stove
 a gas stove
 a combination, such as a gas cooktop and electric oven

9. The **Clean Fuel Standard Bill (A.964)** creates a system of market-based incentives for fuel companies from the on-road transportation sector to reduce the carbon intensity of the fuels they sell and use by 20%, and to support the switch to electric vehicles when feasible by 2031. Do you support this legislation?

- Yes No

10. The **availability of housing** is a topic that often comes up while discussing a wide range of issues, such as homelessness, new businesses moving into the area, living accommodations for service workers, etc. What housing solutions are your priority? Please rank the following options with 1 being your top priority and 5 being your lowest priority.

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

11. The **Good Cause Eviction Bill (A.5573 of 2022)** would prohibit landlords from evicting a tenant except for limited circumstances such as nonpayment of rent and cap the amount rent can be raised each year. Do you support passing the Good Cause Eviction bill into law?

- Yes No

12. Mental health and suicide prevention advocates show that "upstream" prevention programs are a more effective long-term method of reducing suicides. Do you support funding for the inclusion of **mental health and suicide prevention programs** in school curriculums?

- Yes No

13A. Has anyone in your immediate family been significantly bullied at school?

- Yes No

13B. If yes, would you be interested in participating in a roundtable discussion on reducing bullying in schools?

- Yes No

For those who answered "yes" to participating in a roundtable discussion on reducing bullying in schools, please contact my office. Contact information can be found on the opening page

14. In New York State, 24.3% of the prison population is over the age of 50. It costs taxpayers \$70,000 annually to house an incarcerated individual and the prison population has an average age of 40. Advocates for Elder Parole (A.8855 of 2022) push for legislation that allows incarcerated individuals who are 55 years and older and have served at least 15 years to qualify for early parole consideration. This bill does not mandate their release, only grants the Board of Parole the discretion to decide it. Do you support this legislation?

- Yes No

15. My crossbow legislation (A.6815) would help seniors and disabled individuals continue to enjoy the sport of hunting by allowing the use of crossbows through the big game season. Are you supportive of this legislation?

- Yes No

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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 my
survey or visit nyassembly.gov/mem/survey or
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