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Dear Constituent,

It is an honor and a privilege to represent the 95th District in the Assembly. In this newsletter, you'll find updates from Albany and around the district. If you would like more frequent updates, I encourage you to sign up for my e-news at <https://bit.ly/AD95E-News>, visit my website (<https://bit.ly/Levenberg>) and follow me on social media. I am @AMDanaLevenberg on Facebook, Instagram and Bluesky.



Speaking at a press conference in support of public safety legislation.



Honoring Peekskill resident Michelle Keller at a Women's History Month event in the Capitol.

Summer Hours Beginning June 23

Starting Monday, June 23, my offices will be open from 8:30 AM - 5 PM Monday through Thursday, and accessible remotely from 9 AM - 3 PM on Fridays. We will resume our regular hours after Labor Day.

■ Save the Date - Annual Senior Forum



SUSTAINING OUR SENIORS: HAPPY, HEALTHY HOBBIES

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2025
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Cortlandt Town Hall
1 Heady Street, Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567

My third annual Senior Forum will take place on **Wednesday, July 9** from **9:30 - 11:30 AM** at Cortlandt Town Hall. Save the date and join me, New York Presbyterian-Hudson Valley Hospital, and other community partners for an informative and fun program about hobbies that can support healthy aging. The event will also feature a free breakfast and other giveaways. RSVP at <https://bit.ly/SeniorForum2025>.

■ News from Albany

In May, we passed the state budget for fiscal year 2026, and I am proud that it reflects many of the priorities I've been fighting for. We secured major wins supporting affordability, including **universal free school meals**, **inflation rebate checks**, and significant **tax relief** for households earning less than \$323,000. We also delivered more than **\$268 million** in school aid to local districts—an increase of more than 8% over last year—and **updated the Foundation Aid formula** to better reflect current student needs. I'm especially pleased that we successfully pushed for a change to the regional cost index for Westchester schools, ensuring fairer funding starting in the 2026-2027 school year. This budget also establishes the **New York Opportunity Promise Scholarship**, which will provide tuition-free community college for adults without college degrees pursuing high-demand fields such as nursing, pathways into teaching, technology and engineering.

Our budget also makes historic investments in our environment and infrastructure. We created a \$1 billion **Sustainable Future Program** to support public renewable energy projects, electrical grid updates, electric school buses, EV charging stations, and more. I'm excited that we secured \$2 million to launch the **Green Pre-Electrification (GAP) Fund**, helping households take the first steps toward electrifying their homes. We also increased the **Environmental Protection Fund** to \$425 million and boosted state support for local composting



programs. On transportation, we funded the MTA Capital Plan, which supports our local Metro-North Railroad line. We also **increased CHIPs funding by \$100 million**, supporting local road repairs, and **added \$800 million to the NYSDOT Capital Plan**. I will continue to advocate for the funds we need to fix the troubled state roads in our area, such as Routes 9A and 133.

To learn more about this year's state budget, visit <https://nyassembly.gov/2025budget>. This was a tough budget cycle, especially given federal funding uncertainties, and I will keep pushing our federal representatives to provide sufficient funding for our state's needs; I hope you will join me.



Honoring local veterans at an event in Albany.



Visiting our local Board of Cooperative Education Services (BOCES) table at the BOCES Fair in the State Capitol.

■ Fighting Con Edison's Rate Hikes

My office has received a steady stream of complaints regarding Con Edison utility bills this winter and spring, even before they proposed raising rates further. With so many households already struggling to pay their bills, I do not see how the increases they are seeking can be sustained. **In addition to sending a formal letter of opposition, I have become an official party in both the gas and electric rate cases.** Through formal participation and deeper engagement in these rate cases, I hope to gain more insight into what can be done to make utility rates more affordable in the future. You can read more about my involvement in these cases at <https://bit.ly/LawmakersJoinRateCases>.

In addition to joining these rate cases, **I'm advocating for legislation to directly lower utility costs.** My colleagues and I are currently working on legislation to replace the obligation to serve gas with an obligation to serve energy, allowing utilities to replace gas infrastructure with cleaner, more affordable forms of energy where feasible. Current law requires utilities like Con Edison to spend billions on gas infrastructure, and they pass those costs to us. Changing the law would enable Con Edison to pursue cost-effective neighborhood electrification projects instead. **I should have updates on this legislation by the time you are reading this; be sure to follow me on social media or sign up for e-news to stay in the loop.**



Holding a press conference about the mental health impacts of climate change.

Utility Feedback Form

Along with my colleagues in Assembly Districts 92 and 93, I have also opened a utility feedback form to capture more information about constituent experiences with all of our local utilities, including but not limited to Con Edison, to inform future actions on this issue. To participate, please scan the QR code to complete online at <https://bit.ly/UtilityFeedback2025>.



Old Traditions, New Beginnings

The “Old Traditions, New Beginnings” project aims to give seniors the opportunity to connect with others by sharing their stories, memories, recipes, or whatever legacy they would like to impart to the generations that follow. You can read more about the project in the June issue of the *River Journal* or at www.riverjournalonline.com if you do not receive a print copy. The contributions will be collected for sharing online and possible print publication. If you are interested in contributing your own writing (250-1000 words) or volunteering to help others share their contributions, please email district95@nyassembly.gov.



Hosting an exhibition about native plants in the State Capitol, in collaboration with local members of New York State’s Garden Club of America affiliates.



Supporting the Ossining “O-Bots” at a robotics competition in Albany.



At the Peekskill Rotary Club Cherry Blossom Festival.



With Cortlandt and Croton officials at the Croton Summerfest parade.



Replacing invasive species with native plants at Dockside Park in Cold Spring during the Riverkeeper Sweep.

PODCAST

I have a podcast series, *Building Healthy Communities*, which features conversations with the leaders, advocates and others helping to build healthy communities in AD95 and beyond. You can listen to it on Spotify, YouTube Music, iHeartRadio or Amazon Music. You can also watch it on my YouTube channel or on television on Fridays at 9 PM and Sundays at 11:15 AM. It airs on Verizon FiOS Channel 37, Optimum Channel 15 (for most of the district), and Optimum Channel 74 (Yorktown).



With the Board of Trustees at the Briarcliff Manor Memorial Day parade.



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At the Rochambeau Festival in Yorktown.



Honoring KinoSaito Arts Center at a Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce event.