

Working for the 109th District, Delivering Results: 2026 Legislative Session Recap

“Every vote I cast, and every dollar I fight for, is about making our community stronger and creating more opportunity for every family.” - **Assemblymember Gabriella A. Romero**



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This legislative session, I fought to **lower utility bills, bring down costs for working families, deliver historic investments** in our communities, and **make government work better** for the people of the 109th District. As always, I want to keep you updated on the **work I'm doing for you** in the State Legislature! Here are some **legislative and budget items** I got **across the finish line** throughout the 2026 Session:

Holding Utility Companies Accountable

- When requesting a rate increase through the Public Service Commission, utilities will be required to submit **budget-constrained proposals** that do not exceed reasonable inflation costs. Utilities will also be **restricted from making ratepayers subsidize costs** associated with rate cases, such as attorney fees, and will be required to **disclose executive compensation** to the public.

Protecting New Yorkers' Civil Rights

- Passed the **New York Civil Rights Act** (included in the State Budget) giving New Yorkers a stronger pathway to **hold federal agents accountable** when their constitutional rights are violated. This legislation will allow New Yorkers to sue bad government actors in state court, a more accessible court, to enforce their constitutional rights.

Money Back in Your Pockets

- Helped secure **\$1B in utility relief** through POWER rebate checks, with eligible single filers earning under \$150k to receive **\$100** and eligible joint filers earning between \$150k and \$300k to receive **\$150**. Won an **additional \$65 million in tax relief for families** through an expanded Child and Dependent Care Credit in the final State Budget. **Eliminated** income taxes on certain tipped wages up to \$25k.

Investing in Our Communities

- Helped deliver **major investments** for schools, local organizations, and community projects across the 109th District - including an **\$18M increase** in Foundation Aid for Albany schools, **\$816,252** for Guilderland schools, and **\$118,814** for Voorheesville schools. Funding for projects and organizations include **\$2 million** for the **NYS Mesonet** at the University of Albany, **\$1 million** for a feasibility study for the reimagination of the **Harriman Campus**, **\$8.1 million** for the **Albany Pine Push Preserve**, and more!



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Whether you need help with a state agency, benefits, housing resources, or other state services, my team is ready to assist. Serving you in the New York State Assembly is the honor of a lifetime, and I am so proud to continue delivering real results for our community. Please don't hesitate to stay in touch!

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