

# Bailey's Briefing

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## **FROM THE DESK OF ANDREA BAILEY:**



### **Bringing Albany To You!**

I'm excited to announce that I will begin hosting mobile office hours in different parts of our district! These sessions are a great opportunity to meet face-to-face—no appointment needed.

Whether you have questions about state services or simply want to share your thoughts on legislation, I'll be here to listen and help.

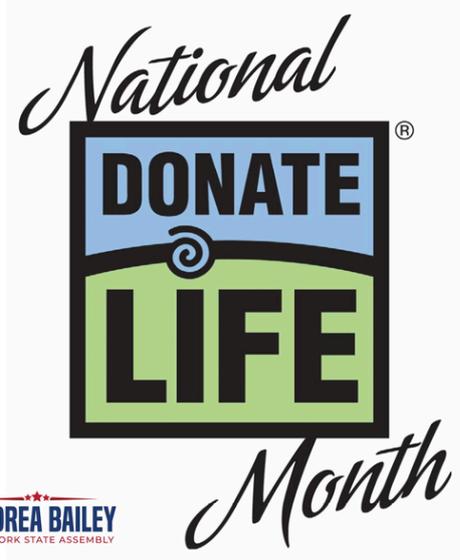
This is your state government, and I believe it should be accessible, responsive, and grounded in the real concerns of our communities. I hope you'll stop by, say hello, and let your voice be heard.

Stay tuned for future dates and times!

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# Albany Update

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April is National Donate Life Month, a time to honor the power of organ, eye, and tissue donation and the everyday heroes who give others a second chance at life.

This is why I'm proud to support awareness efforts that highlight how one selfless decision can save up to eight lives and heal even more. If you haven't yet, consider registering as an organ donor. It's a simple act with a lasting impact.

After a prolonged and frustrating budget process, the New York State Budget has officially passed. While I was hopeful that negotiations would result in a more responsible, community-focused spending plan, the final package included several measures I could not in good conscience support. From inadequate funding for rural schools to policy proposals that fail to reflect the needs of our upstate communities, this budget fell short of what my district and so many others truly deserve.



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# District Update



I had the pleasure of joining the Livonia, Avon & Lakeville Railroad (LA&L) in celebrating its 60th anniversary—a proud milestone for one of our region's most storied transportation networks.

I'm looking forward to returning later this year for a train ride! It's a fun, hands-on way to connect with the past and recognize the railroad's lasting impact on our community.



I had the pleasure of visiting the Bristol Library to share updates from Albany and learn more about its incredible community programs. As a member of the Libraries and Education Technology Committee, it was the perfect way to celebrate National Library Month and recognize the vital role libraries play in shaping our communities. Thank you to the Bristol team for your passion and dedication!



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Congratulations to the Morgan family and Woodlawn Farms for being named Livingston County Farm of the Year at this year's Farmer Neighbor Dinner! This well-deserved recognition celebrates their incredible impact on our local agricultural community.

It was a true honor to attend this special evening and celebrate the hardworking families who keep our fields growing and our communities strong. Here's to the Morgans and to all of my district's farmers for shaping the future of agriculture.

Thank you to President Dr. Nye for the warm welcome and tour of Finger Lakes Community College. It was inspiring to see FLCC's innovative programs and to learn that all 62 New York counties are represented in this year's enrollment. I look forward to visiting again soon to continue supporting higher education in our region.



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## Ask Andrea

**Question:**

What was it like going through your first state budget process as Assemblywoman?

-Richard G.

**Answer:**

Going through my first state budget process was both exciting and frustrating. I was proud to be at the table fighting for our district, and there were certainly some wins—like increased investments in education and infrastructure. But as someone who represents a rural, agriculture-based community, I was disappointed to see how often the needs of our farmers and small towns were pushed aside.

There wasn't nearly enough support for family farms or rural development. I pushed hard for these priorities, and I'll keep doing so, because rural communities like ours deserve better. This experience has only strengthened my commitment to being a louder, more persistent voice for upstate agriculture in Albany.

**Have a question for Andrea?**

**Email her at [baileya@nyassembly.gov](mailto:baileya@nyassembly.gov) on this or any other state issue.**

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