



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Community Update: Mayer Bills Passing, Response to State of the State, In the Community

SENATOR SHELLEY B. MAYER January 22, 2025

Dear Friends,

On Monday, January 20, we honored the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We recognize that we have not yet fully achieved his vision of a just, equitable and peaceful world, but this acknowledgement should not determine our path forward. Instead, let us re-commit to working together to make real the promises of justice and democracy with which he inspired our nation. I was deeply moved by the many MLK Day events I was able to attend, from Bedford to New Rochelle, from Eastchester to White Plains, from Port Chester to Scarsdale and beyond. These events not only celebrated a true American hero, but reminded us of the power of his message and his example. Let us keep that alive all year.

This week also marked the inauguration of Donald Trump as President. Regardless of your views regarding the election, we now face the decisions and policies he seeks to enact. I intend to be a strong voice for all New Yorkers, including when I disagree with the President's policies, but always with a commitment to civility and decorum in the work of governing. I will be speaking out in the coming days about some of the Executive Orders that the President signed that will impact New Yorkers.



I am proud to share that Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins has reappointed me to Chair the Senate Committee on Education and has newly appointed me to Chair the Senate Committee on Ethics and Internal Governance. I have also been newly appointed to serve as a standing member on the Senate Committee on Finance and will continue to serve as a standing member on the Senate Committees on Elections, Judiciary, Labor, and Rules. I have also been appointed to serve as the Co-Chair of the Legislative Ethics Commission.

Last week, Governor Hochul delivered her fourth State of the State address in which she outlined her policy plans and priorities for 2025-2026. My thoughts on her address are below. Yesterday, the Governor also delivered her Executive Budget proposal – her plan for how the state should spend money. Once I carefully review the proposals, I will be sure to update you on my thoughts.

If there is anything my office can assist you with, please email me at [smayer@nysenate.gov](mailto:smayer@nysenate.gov) or call (914) 934-5250.

Warm regards,

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Read the full Community Update [here](#).