

Senator Catharine Young Takes Oath Of Office

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Begins Her Fifth Full Term Representing The Southern Tier

OLEAN – On January 2, Senator Catharine Young (R,C,I- Olean) took her oath of office to begin her fifth full term serving the residents of Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, and Livingston Counties.

"I am honored and humbled to have earned the trust of the people and again have the opportunity to represent them in the state Senate. I anticipate 2015 being a busy year, especially since there are so many high profile issues to tackle. Our rural upstate communities continue to need a strong voice against the tax-and-spend policies that are often pushed by downstate legislators who lack an understanding of the challenges faced by our communities, and I am proud to take up that mantle," Senator Young said.

"Among my top priorities for this year will be securing state investment in infrastructure projects like Route 219. This will not only boost our local economy but also provide residents with safer, more reliable means of transportation. I will also be continuing the fight to eliminate the devastating Gap Elimination Adjustment, which was unfairly forced on our schools by the New York City-controlled Senate Democrats, and work to ensure our schools receive their fair share of education aid. I will be working to provide greater assistance to area veterans by again pushing to establish the "Homes for Heroes Program" to assist service-disabled veterans in finding livable housing after serving our nation honorably," she continued.

"People need and deserve to have good paying jobs. Our young people need career opportunities so they can stay after they graduate. My focus will be on good public policy that gives everyone the opportunity to succeed. The bottom line is that we need to continue making New York a more affordable place to live, work and do business," concluded Senator Young.