



Dear Friend:

Happy New Year and welcome to the first edition of my Weekly Wrap for 2020! I hope you had a blessed and wonderful holiday season. With the start of a new year and a new Legislative Session, there's much to cover. This 2020 edition of my Weekly Wrap focuses on Congresswoman Stefanik's law enforcement roundtable that I took part in, the State of the State Address, our first week of session, an update on NY's bail reform law and much more. My Weekly Wrap also includes community happenings and events my office and I attended. If I may ever be of assistance – performing constituent casework, providing information about legislation, giving a school tour of the State Capitol, speaking at an event – contact me via one of the ways listed below:

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It's a privilege and an honor serving as your voice in the New York State Senate. I look forward to working for you, and representing you, throughout 2020!

Sincerely,

Daphne Jordan
State Senator, 43rd District

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2020 kicked off on a great note as I was honored being named to the New York Farm Bureau's Circle of Friends in recognition of my strong support for agriculture and our hard-working family farmers. This prestigious award is an indication of an individual lawmaker's support of New York agriculture. The Circle of Friends honor is based upon each legislator's voting record during the 2019 Legislative Session on issues of agricultural importance, as well as other evidence of legislative support, including sponsorship of bills that the New York Farm Bureau has either supported or opposed during the most recent legislative session. With more than 400,000 acres of farmland in our 43rd Senate District, family farming and agriculture are critically important for our economy and our way of life. I'm proud to be a strong, outspoken voice for farmers as a member of the Senate's Agriculture Committee. I'll continue advocating for our hard-working family farmers during the 2020 Legislative Session.

Taking Part in Congresswoman Elise Stefanik's Law Enforcement Roundtable





On Monday, January 6, I took part in my good friend Congresswoman Elise Stefanik's law enforcement roundtable held at the Milton Community Center. Our discussion touched on issues important to members of law enforcement including suicide prevention, PTSD, resiliency, families of those lost in the line of duty, and the need for more peer-to-peer support programs. My thanks to Congresswoman Stefanik for hosting this important conversation and for always having the backs of the men and women of law enforcement. Also attending the roundtable were Saratoga County Sheriff Michael Zurlo, Saratoga County Undersheriff Richard Castle (both of whom I'm pictured with above), Founder of Law Enforcement Officers Weekend Austin Glickman, Warren County Sheriff Jim LaFarr, Washington County Sheriff Jeff Murphy, Fulton County Sheriff Rich Giardino, the State Police PBA's Fred Syke, and many mental health professionals.

Recognizing Family Vision Care Center for 100 Years



On the morning of Wednesday, January 8, the Family Vision Care Center marked its 100th anniversary. Halie Northrop of my staff represented me at this special event and presented a Senate Certificate on my behalf. Congratulations to everyone at Family Vision Care Center on this fantastic milestone!

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Wednesday also marked the first day of our 2020 Legislative Session. Before Session got underway, I proudly welcomed the newest member of our Senate Republican Conference, Senator George Borrello representing the 57th Senate District. Welcome Senator Borrello, I'm glad to have you as part of our team!

Calling for Repeal of the Disastrous Bail Reform Law



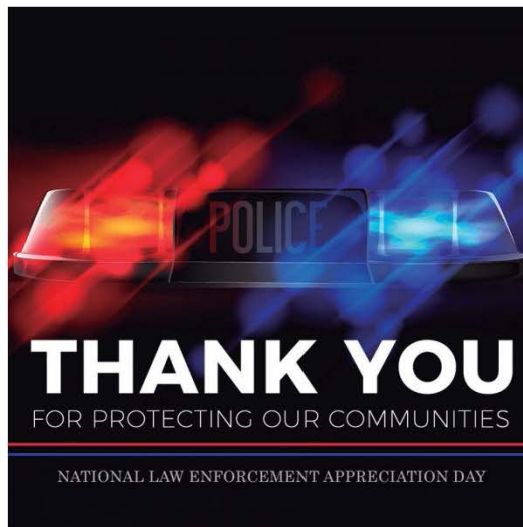
The so-called bail “reform” law enacted by the Albany Democrats last Session has already proven an unmitigated disaster. Witness the recent release of Paul Barbaritano charged with choking and stabbing a woman to death. Sadly, this shocking story is just one of 24 examples – in 9 days! – that I know of regarding how the new bail reform law is already jeopardizing the public safety of all New Yorkers. That’s why before Session began on Wednesday, my Senate Republican colleagues and I called for the repeal of this reckless bail reform law and advanced an amendment to try undoing this terrible measure. Public safety is state government’s top responsibility, and repealing this bad bail reform law must be job one this Session. Then, with the judiciary, law enforcement, and prosecutors, we can work to find bail reform with public safety in mind. I’ll continue fighting to make this happen.

2020 State of the State Address

On Wednesday afternoon, I attended Governor Cuomo’s 2020 State of the State Address in Albany. The State of the State is often referred to as the

“SOS.” With all of the serious challenges that New York State is facing – \$6.2 billion budget deficit, reckless bail reform law that’s already endangering public safety, the ongoing out-migration of our fellow New Yorkers – SOS is a good description, as in “Save Our State!” You can watch a video sharing my thoughts on the State of the State Address by clicking here: <https://www.nysenate.gov/newsroom/video/daphne-jordan/2020-state-state-address-reaction>.

Thanking Law Enforcement



January 9 was recognized as “National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day” (L.E.A.D.). All of us owe a deep debt of gratitude and our heartfelt thanks to all of the brave men and women serving in law enforcement. I offer my thanks to everyone in law enforcement for your service, dedication, and leadership. Millions of law-abiding New Yorkers proudly stand with you!

Attending Greater Capital Association of Realtors Installation Banquet



On Thursday night, I attended the Greater Capital Association of Realtors (GCAR) Installation Banquet at Saratoga National. The evening featured great conversation and food at my table with Laura Burns, CEO of GCAR, David Legaz, President of the New York State Association of REALTORS (NYSAR), Jennifer Vucetic, Secretary/Treasurer for NYSAR, and my colleague Senator Jim Tedisco (all pictured above). 2020 GCAR President Tom McGroder was installed and my colleague Assemblywoman Mary Beth Walsh installed the 2020 Board of Directors. Congratulations to the Greater Capital Association of Realtors!

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Today (Friday, January 10), I attended Stewart's Shops grand opening in Hudson that featured a modernization of their 40-year-old store. This impressive new shop features 3,919 square feet with six fueling stations and fits with the architecture of the neighborhood. Stewart's also donates \$200,000 to the City of Hudson, which will be used for sidewalks and improving the intersection, and donated \$1,000 to the Hudson Literacy Fund. Stewart's Shops is a terrific business and incredible partner that always gives back to, supports, and helps the community. I'm also pictured above at today's event with the Columbia County Chamber of Commerce President Jeffrey Hunt. Congratulations to Stewart's Shops and the City of Hudson on today's fantastic grand opening.

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