



Dear Friend:

Greetings and welcome to the Weekly Wrap for January 17. Included within this edition of my Weekly Wrap are important updates about repealing NY's disastrous bail "reform" law, safeguarding our elections (by ensuring that only U.S. citizens vote) and some community happenings taking place across the 43rd Senate District. Thank you for reading my Weekly Wrap and have a terrific weekend! – **Senator Daphne Jordan**

Sign My Petition to Repeal NY's Bail Reform Law



Click the link below to sign my new online petition seeking repeal of the disastrous bail reform law. Together, we can send a strong message to the Senate Majority that this bad law must be repealed: <https://www.nysenate.gov/petitions/daphne-jordan/repeal-bail-reform>.

Watch My Video Detailing How Bail Reform Endangers Public Safety

Click the link below to watch my video on how the bad bail reform law has already endangered public safety: <https://www.nysenate.gov/newsroom/video/daphne-jordan/repeal-bail-reform>.

Safeguarding the Integrity of our Elections



The Senate Majority recently advanced legislation that would provide for automatic voter registration, even for non-citizens, thus compromising the integrity of our elections. Specifically, the Majority's automatic voter registration bill does the following:

- Undermines the security of signatures, which are the cornerstone of identification, by replacing paper signatures with electronic ones; e-signatures often don't resemble real signatures and could be lost or altered in the event of hacking;

- Provides automatic voter registration of non-citizens unless they affirmatively disclaim they are not a citizen, and that those who register anyway only may be subject to criminal sanction; and
- Establishes an enormous criminal liability exclusion for those non-citizens who obtain a registration and vote, by means of a statutory presumption that such registration was the result of “administrative error.”

This bill will virtually guarantee the registration and voting of non-citizens, through an institutionalized, fraudulent system; 2019’s Green Light NY legislation prohibits the DMV from inquiring about the citizenship status of a driver’s license applicant, meaning that DMV employees will have no capability to prevent a fraudulent registration. Further, neither the Department of Motor Vehicles nor the Department of Health has established under the voter registration provisions of the current election law to screen out voter registrations of non-citizens, nor do they have the ability or resources to cross-check voter registrations for citizenship.

Accordingly, especially in light of the thousands of illegal immigrants who have sought drivers’ licenses in New York since the Green Light Law took effect, the registration and voting of such non-citizens would have a devastating effect on citizens. This legislation would have the result of eviscerating the votes of hardworking taxpayers, by those persons (non-citizens) who are not legally entitled to vote, and who, by means of their inability to have a social security number, do not, and cannot, pay either income or real property taxes. Bottom line? This terrible legislation must be stopped from becoming law so we can safeguard the integrity of our elections. Voting is a sacred civic duty and trust reserved for citizens of the United States, not illegal immigrants.

Rensselaer County Honor-A-Deceased-Veteran Program Recognizes U.S. Army Veteran William Rentz



Earlier this week Rensselaer County’s Honor-A-Deceased-Veteran Program honored U.S. Army Veteran William J. Rentz. Mr. Rentz entered the U.S. Army on January 22, 1961, serving with the 364th General Hospital. Private Rentz served as a medic specialist in Ft. Sam Houston in Texas. On May 23, 1966, Mr. Rentz was honorably discharged at the rank of Specialist Sixth Class. For his dedicated service, he was awarded the Rifle Marksman Badge. After his service, he married Anne Sweeney and together they had a son, Matthew. Mr. Rentz worked at the NYS Department of Labor, retiring as a Manager of Technical Service, after 34 years. He was an avid golfer and skier, and played the drums and French horn for the Interstatesmen Drum and Bugle Corps. Mr. Rentz passed away on January 13, 2019, and is buried at St. John’s church in Schaghticoke. His wife Anne, son Stephen, daughter-in-law Libby, and his grandchildren Matthew and Laura survive him. God bless U.S. Army Veteran William Rentz for his faithful service to our country!

Troy Police Officer Swearing-In Ceremony



This week also featured a swearing-in ceremony of three new Troy Police Officers including new Troy Police Officer Kayla DeCelle, new Troy Police Officer Nathaniel Casey with his father, new Troy Police Officer Dunea Lockwood with his fiancé, along with Troy Mayor Madden and Troy Police Chief Brian Owens, are all pictured above. Congratulations to the newest Troy Police Officers!

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The Town of Halfmoon's Winter Carnival takes place Saturday, January 25, from 2 to 5 p.m. at Halfmoon Town Hall. There will be plenty of family-friendly fun at Halfmoon's Winter Carnival including fireworks, a bounce house, mac n' cheese cook-off, live ice sculpture demonstration, face painting, balloon artist, bonfire, live music by Dos Amigos and much more. Additional information will become available as the event approaches. Contact Halfmoon Recreation at (518) 371-7410, ext. 2272 with any questions.

FASNY Museum Showcases Impressive New Exhibit





The FASNY Museum of Firefighting recently opened a new exhibit featuring items from the hit television series Chicago Fire. Pictures of the new exhibit are featured above. My thanks to the FASNY Museum of Firefighting for highlighting this new exhibit and reminding us of the courage, professionalism, and excellence of our fantastic firefighters!

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