

# THE WEEKLY WRAP

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Dear Friend:

Happy Friday and welcome to the January 7th edition of my Weekly Wrap!

## **BIG happenings:**

- The First Day of the 2022 Legislative Session
- My 2022 Session Priorities
- My Response to Governor Hochul's State of the State Address
- Small Landlords Being Left Out in the Cold

## **Other important news:**

- School Bus Drivers Needed
- Mobile Sports Betting Begins This Weekend
- The Hudson-Athens Lighthouse Preservation Society Received A Grant
- Farm Laborers Wage Board To Hold Hearing On Overtime Threshold
- Homeowner Assistance Fund Applications Are Now Open
- Take my 2022 Legislative Questionnaire

As always, I want to hear from YOU. If you have a comment, question, or concern, please email me at [jordan@nysenate.gov](mailto:jordan@nysenate.gov) or call my office at (518) 371-2751. Thank you for reading and subscribing to my Weekly Wrap. It's an honor and a privilege serving you!

– Senator Daphne Jordan, 43rd District

## IN THE NEWS





### Manhattan DA to stop seeking prison sentences in slew of criminal cases

VIOLENT crime is out of control! This soft-on-crime pro-criminal mentality is DANGEROUS and will hurt people tremendously. The NYS Senate Republicans stand with victims, not criminals.

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### New data shows nearly 4 percent of people out due to bail changes were rearrested for violent felonies

Just some of the terrible results of Bail "Reform" over a short reporting period from July 2020 through June 2021... "there are 3,460 cases in which adults were rearrested on VIOLENT felony charges like assault, rape and attempted murder." And that is just the low end estimate

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### New York Republicans unveil 2022 agenda

"Republicans in the New York state Senate on Wednesday unveiled their own priorities for the new year...The agenda for the Republicans in the Senate is focused heavily on public safety, as well as boosting the state's economic picture amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic." (Photo:AP)

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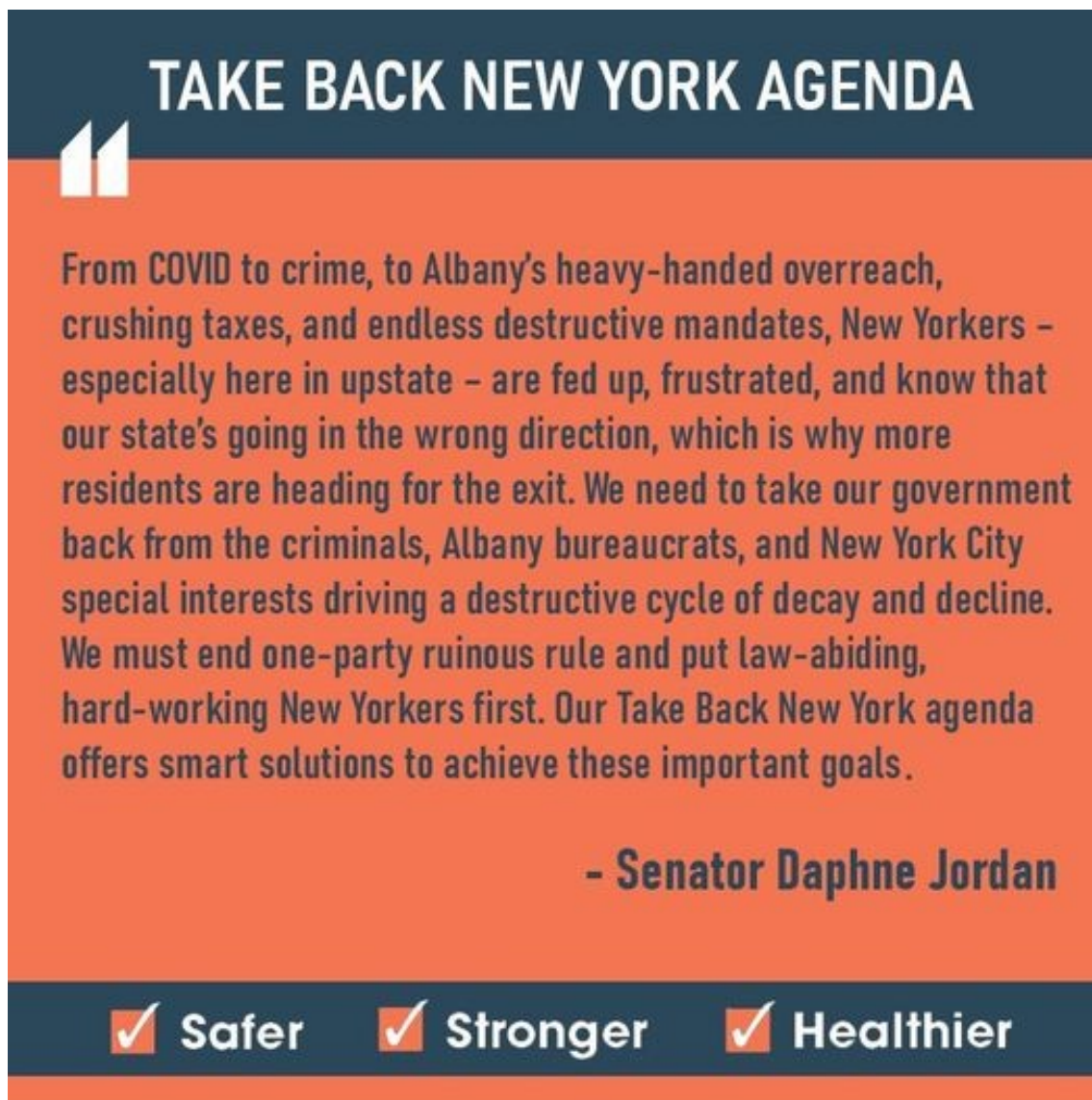


### NY To Receive Fraction Of \$1B Rent Aid Request, Court Told

I said back in Dec 2020 and Sept 2021 that we could not kick this can down the road forever. The Majority didn't listen and now the Feds are only sending 3% of the \$1 Billion requested to cover payments. The mom-and-pop landlords who have struggled for 2 years are being left out in the cold.

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## First Day of the 2022 Legislative Session



**TAKE BACK NEW YORK AGENDA**

From COVID to crime, to Albany's heavy-handed overreach, crushing taxes, and endless destructive mandates, New Yorkers – especially here in upstate – are fed up, frustrated, and know that our state's going in the wrong direction, which is why more residents are heading for the exit. We need to take our government back from the criminals, Albany bureaucrats, and New York City special interests driving a destructive cycle of decay and decline. We must end one-party ruinous rule and put law-abiding, hard-working New Yorkers first. Our Take Back New York agenda offers smart solutions to achieve these important goals.

**- Senator Daphne Jordan**

✓ **Safer**    ✓ **Stronger**    ✓ **Healthier**

This week was the beginning of the Legislative Session and my New York State Senate Republicans colleagues and I unveiled our smart plan to Take Back New York. Our common-sense agenda is an alternative to the one-party domination that NYS has endured for years. We stand ready to present our smart alternative and a better direction for the hard-working, law-abiding taxpayers who want to chart a positive new course for our state.

## My 2022 Session Priorities



For the 2022 Legislative Session I will be focused on delivering for the people of the 43rd District. I was pleased to see the Governor and the Senate Majority Leader are in support of some of my proposals including permanent funding of the Joseph P. Dwyer Peer-to-Peer Veterans Counseling Support Program. However, the Governor failed to mention the number-one priority facing New Yorkers: the urgent repeal of the Democrats' disastrous and dangerous bail 'reform' law that's allowed criminals to roam free and re-offend. Please watch the full video below to hear about all of my priorities.

[Watch the Video](#)

## My Statement on Governor Hochul's State of the State Address



## Statement from Senator Daphne Jordan on Governor Kathy Hochul's 2022 State of the State Address

"I listened with great interest to Governor Kathy Hochul's 2022 State of the State Address today, the first-ever delivered by a female Governor of New York State, which was an important and noteworthy milestone.

It was nice to see – mentioned in her 2022 State of the State book released after today's address – that Governor Hochul supported important policy priorities I've continually called for such as funding the Joseph P. Dwyer Peer-to-Peer Veterans Counseling Support Program and expanding this successful, lifesaving program statewide. The Dwyer Program MUST be part of the State Budget and not continually be relegated to a 'legislative add' forcing veterans and veterans' advocates to annually fight for this critical funding. In addition, Governor Hochul's call for accelerating \$1.2 billion in middle-class tax cuts for six million New Yorkers directly mirrors my legislation, Senate Bill S.1808, which would accelerate the middle-class tax cut phase-in by one year. Also, during her Senate Floor remarks today, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins reportedly called for the enactment of a health care worker peer support program, an important proposal that I proudly sponsor in the form of Senate Bill S.2553. It was great seeing my good ideas being embraced!

Governor Hochul gave her State of the State Address this week. Please click the link to read my Statement.

[Read my Statement](#)

## Small Landlords



Over the past two years, we have seen the COVID-19 Emergency Eviction and Foreclosure Prevention Act's severe, negative impacts on mom-and-pop landlords, many of whom rely on the income they receive from renters to make ends meet. For almost 2 years, many of these mom-and-pop landlords haven't received a dime in rent payments and are facing financial devastation. This is a video of my

comments made back in December of 2020 on the Senate Floor where I publicly warned of numerous negative outcomes for mom-and-pop landlords including their being denied months of rent, the inability of the state to ever make them whole again, and Albany continually kicking the fiscal can down the road -- and the serious, long-term problems that would cause. Unfortunately, my warnings went unheeded, and my predictions came true. Albany needs to prioritize helping our struggling mom-and-pop landlords who are small businesses and need an economic lifeline, not a continuation of eviction moratoriums or to continue being treated like an afterthought by Albany.

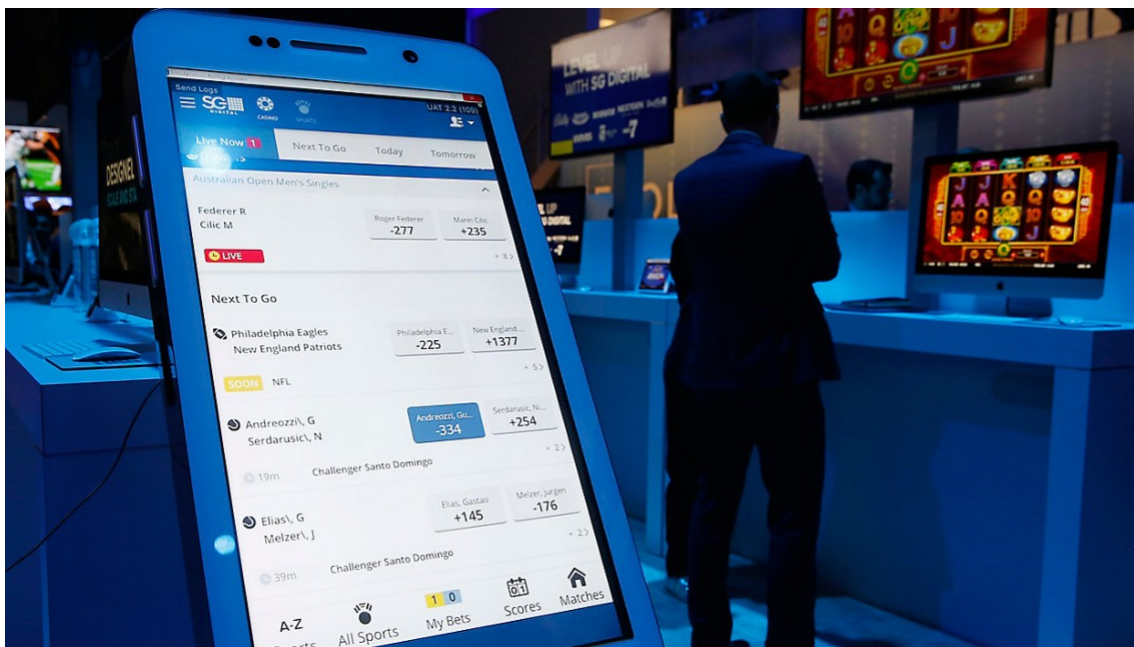
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## School Bus Drivers Needed



Statewide, districts struggle with a shortage of school bus drivers. We have seen many school districts, even in our local area, move to remote learning at times due to a lack of drivers. This week I was happy to join the Shenendehowa Central School District, and their Transportation Director Al Karam, and bring attention to this critical need. I remember putting my two sons on Shen buses for many years and am grateful for the wonderful drivers that kept them safe. The mechanics in the bus were like driving a car; if I can do it so can you. If you or someone you know is interested, Shenendehowa offers a great training program for new drivers. You can fill the need and get a great job at the same time!

## Mobile Sports Betting



As Ranker of the Senate's Racing, Gaming and Wagering Committee, I know this has been a long time in the making with numerous hurdles to overcome, but as of 9 AM, this Saturday, New Yorkers will no longer have to travel out of state or go to a casino to bet on their favorite games, you can bet from your couch using mobile betting apps.

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## Hudson-Athens Lighthouse Grant





The Hudson-Athens Lighthouse has been shining its light on the Hudson River for almost 150 years. In that time the historic structure has taken a beating from everything Mother Nature can throw at it. Now the Hudson-Athens Lighthouse Preservation Society is working to restore, and protect this iconic part of the Hudson Valley. I am proud to announce that my office has helped HALPS secure a \$500,000 grant from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation, to begin Phase 1 of their 4 phase plan to protect the lighthouse long into the 21st century. Thank you to everyone that is working to keep this beautiful piece of our history standing.

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## Farm Laborers Wage Board





The New York Farm Laborers Wage Board is considering lowering the overtime threshold to 40 hours. This would have a devastating impact on our family-owned farms that are already struggling due to COVID restrictions, Albany mandates, and NY's crushing high cost of doing business. The very workers that this proposed change is meant to help would end up making LESS money as they have their hours CUT. I've been outspoken on this issue since 2019 and have consistently advocated for the hard-working family farms and farmworkers that would be hurt by this misguided proposal.

The NYFLWB will be having hearings on this important issue:  
Tuesday, January 18th at 5:00PM  
Thursday, January 20th at 5:00PM

If you would like to have your voice heard, please sign up at the link below:

Sign Up to Comment

## Homeowners Assistance Fund



The past two years have been especially hard for homeowners who have been financially impacted by the COVID-19 economy. This week, the New York State Homeowners Assistance Fund application opens. This fund helps those homeowners cover the costs of mortgage payments, property taxes, utility bills, and a host of other household expenses. For more information about the program, as well as the list of documents needed to apply, please click the button below.

[Apply Here](#)

## 2022 Legislative Questionnaire





As your State Senator, my top priority is representing and serving you. Collecting your thoughts and concerns in this survey helps me do that best and will shape my legislative agenda for 2022.

Please note that due to the high volume of surveys received, I cannot respond to each survey individually, but the collective results will inform my votes in Albany. Individual responses will be kept confidential. Completed surveys will be tallied and the results published on my Senate website.

Please contact me if you would like to discuss an issue or if I can ever be of assistance to you and your family. You may call my district office at (518) 371-2751, or email me at [jordan@nysenate.gov](mailto:jordan@nysenate.gov).

Thank you in advance for sharing your thoughts on the issues facing our state.

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