

# THE WEEKLY WRAP

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Dear Friend:

Happy Friday and welcome to the February 4th edition of my Weekly Wrap!

## **BIG happenings:**

- Democrats Push Through Partisan Gerrymandered Maps
- The New District Lines
- Renewable Energy Hearing On Rural Solar Projects
- Repeal Bail Reform Press Conference

## **Other important news:**

- I Was Honored By The NYS Conservative Party
- Honoring Black History Month
- Happy Lunar New Year!
- Broadband Service Survey
- Legislative Survey

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





### Lawmakers to vote on legislative redistricting proposal after IRC deadlock

The people of New York voted for an independent and fair redistricting process. Democrats instead have pushed through a gerrymandered map that does not reflect the will and testimony of the voters. I will continue to fight for every New Yorker to ensure we have fair maps that keep communities of interest together.

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### 'We'll always remember you': Funeral for NYPD Detective Wilbert Mora held at St. Patrick's Cathedral

For the second time in less than a week New York laid to rest one of its finest. NYPD Detective Wilbert Mora's funeral was held this week as thousands of his fellow New Yorkers turned out to support his family. God Bless him, his partner, and every member of law enforcement who protect us all every day.

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### Farm Laborer Wage Board decides to lower OT threshold to 40 hours

The Farm Laborers Wage Board clearly has not listened to the voices of farmers and farmworkers when they decided to lower the overtime threshold from 60 to 40 hours. One party rule is responsible for this decision as it arises from the Farm Labor Act, sponsored by a NYC Democrat with no farms in her district, and passed by the Democrat Majority in 2019. The Board's decision now goes to NYS Department of Labor Commissioner Roberta Reardon for her recommendation to pass on to Governor Hochul for the final decision.

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### New York's mask mandate not expected to end anytime soon

Governor Hochul continues to push her mandates on New Yorkers. At this point in the pandemic we must shift from dictating to people, to providing guidance. New Yorkers are capable of making the best health decisions for themselves and their families. END THE MANDATES!

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## I Stand Against Partisan Gerrymandering



The Democratic Majority's gerrymandered maps prove the saying that 'power corrupts – and absolute power corrupts absolutely.' Their maps were the result of a corrupt process, failed to respect, and respond to, the will of New Yorkers, demonstrated political partisanship run amok, and utterly failed to fulfill the promise of truly independent redistricting that New Yorkers wanted, and voted for, twice, and rightfully deserved. These maps are a shameful attempt to try rigging the process, politically gerrymander districts, and deliberately disenfranchise voters and Communities of Interest.

In 2014, New Yorkers overwhelmingly voted for an independent process that would keep partisan politics out of redistricting. Voters wanted a truly independent process, not one driven by closed-door, backroom political deals, or the poisonous partisanship that, sadly, has come to define Albany. Last November, New Yorkers soundly defeated a Democrat-sponsored ballot proposal that would have weakened Independent Redistricting.

By choosing to draw their own partisan maps, Democrats deliberately chose to ignore the will of New Yorkers and countless Communities of Interest. The Majority is looking to protect its political power, not reflect or serve the will of the people. Redistricting was supposed to be independent and not driven by partisan politics. That is what voters wanted. That is what voters were promised. That is what these maps should have reflected.

Yet, these maps do the exact opposite and flout the will of the people. The Democrats' secret, closed-door map-making — without any public comment or review — is gerrymandering at its worst and is UNCONSTITUTIONAL. I proudly stand with the people of New York in support of fair elections and in opposition to this shameful political power grab. I voted NO on the Democratic Majority's gerrymandered, partisan maps.

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## The New District Lines



After the Democrats' partisan gerrymandering, my home town of Halfmoon will no longer fall in the 43rd Senate District. Instead it will be in the 46th District which will include parts of Schenectady, Saratoga, and Rensselaer Counties. I will still proudly represent Columbia County until the end of the year, and will continue to work hard for the people of the 43rd District.

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## Renewable Energy



Government overreach in my district and many others. There are supposed to be



clear rules governing the construction of large-scale solar farms, and yet state government seems to want to ignore them. I have been proud to celebrate with my local communities who want these projects to go forward, but I've also worked with towns that want to preserve their scenic beauty and local control. The Town of Copake had expressed their concerns regarding a massive solar project that was proposed for their community. It is crucial to listen to local communities and ensure their voices are heard.

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## Bail Reform Press Conference



This week I joined the Dutchess County Executive, Marc Molinaro, Saratoga County District Attorney Karen Heggen, and my GOP Colleagues to call for the repeal of the Democrat Majority's disastrous Bail "Reform" Law. Every day our communities see the failures of these policies as criminals continue to be set free even if they pose a danger to the community. We must restore judges' ability to decide if someone is a danger to society. It is past time for the Majority to admit they made a mistake and repeal this disastrous law. Governor Hochul can and should amend her Budget plan to include repealing the current bail reform laws and restoring judicial discretion. The most basic job of government is to protect the public. NYS government under Democrat one-party rule has failed.

## 100% Rating By The NYS Conservative Party



This week I was honored to accept the NY State Conservative Party's "Highest Legislator of the Year" award. I am proud of my 100% Conservative Voting Record in 2021 and look forward to earning that again this year. Thank you to Chairman Gerard Kassar, Executive Director Shaun Marie Levine, and all the hard-working county chairs and committee members for this honor. With your support, we will continue to build a stronger Empire State.

## Honoring Black History Month



February is Black History Month, a time to acknowledge the substantive historical and cultural contributions Black men and women have made and continue to make in American life, and celebrate the achievements that continue to enrich our society.

Happy Lunar New Year!





I'd like to extend warm wishes to those celebrating the Lunar New Year. May the Year of the Tiger be one of good health and prosperity for you and your loved ones.

## Broadband Survey



The New York State Broadband Assessment Program is a vital step in bringing broadband internet to every New Yorker. This survey will allow the Department of



Telecommunications to determine where services are still needed, where they can be improved, and where affordability is an issue. Please fill out the survey at the link below:

Take the Survey

## Legislative Survey



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.

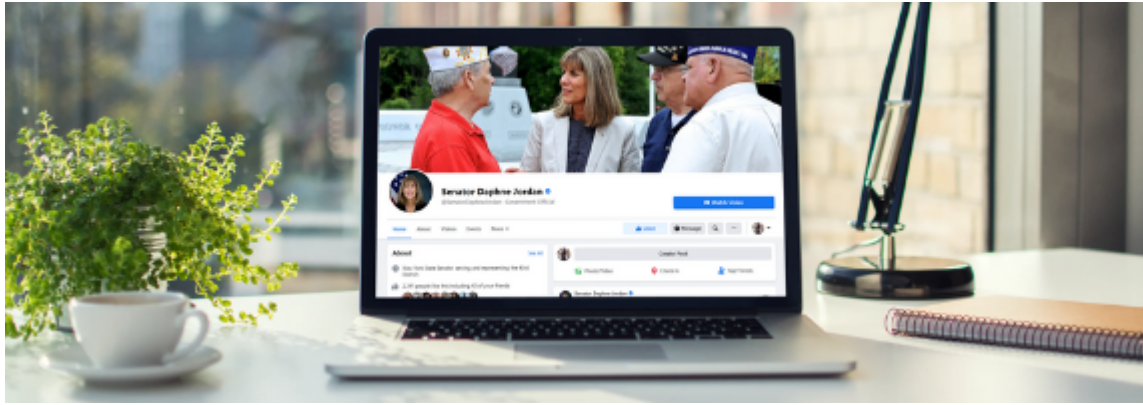
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Thank you in advance for sharing your thoughts on the issues facing our state. My best to you and your loved ones for a safe, healthy, and enjoyable holiday season.

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