

News from Senator George M. Borrello

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SENATOR BORRELLO ANNOUNCES ALISON HUNT AS NEW CHIEF OF STAFF

ALBANY – Senator George Borrello today announced that Alison M. Hunt, longtime staff member and current District Director for Congressman Tom Reed, has been named as his new Chief of Staff.

“Alison brings a wealth of governmental experience to the Chief of Staff role after serving for the past 10 years on the district staff of Congressman Tom Reed, the last six as his District Director. Her combination of management experience, policy expertise and engagement in the issues of our communities make her a natural fit for this new role,” said Senator Borrello.

“She has a deep knowledge of agricultural issues, developed not only from her professional tenure, but also from her time growing up on a farm in Yates County where she still assists her family’s business. Her background will be invaluable to my work on these issues as the Ranking Member of the Senate’s Agriculture Committee,” he said.

Ms. Hunt held several positions on the Congressman’s staff, including Field Representative, Director of Constituent Services and Deputy District Director. She was named District Director in 2015, where her responsibilities have included overseeing all state operations and district staff, facilitating policy events and roundtables, spearheading local projects and interfacing with state and local leaders on federal policy and appropriations issues.

Since 2016, Ms. Hunt has served as a member of the City Council in Corning where she serves as Chair of the Capital Project Financing Committee.

“I am grateful for Senator Borrello’s trust in my ability to lead his dedicated staff and help guide his legislative vision. In just a year and a half, he has established himself as one of the hardest working members of the Senate and a fierce champion for his district. He has an ambitious agenda for addressing the challenges facing upstate communities and I look forward to investing my experience and energies in those efforts,” said Ms. Hunt.

Hunt is succeeding Michael Ellison as Chief of Staff. Ellison has served in the role since Senator Borrello won a special election for the seat in 2019.

“Mike Ellison’s dedication and leadership of our team has been stellar and he will be missed. His extensive legislative expertise and political savvy were invaluable as I transitioned from a role in county government to the State Senate and his contributions have left an indelible mark,” said Senator Borrello. “Alison is well-positioned to build on the foundation he established and take our mission forward.”

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