

FIRST QUARTER REPORT



Dear Friends,

Three months ago, I was sworn in as your representative for the 16th Legislative District in the New Jersey General Assembly. You elected me on the promise that I would use my business background to guide New Jersey into a new phase of optimism and growth. As a former executive, we relied on reporting to track progress towards our goals and objectives, which is a tradition I would like to continue in my new role. Here is my "First Quarter Report" on the work I am doing to increase affordability, safety, and opportunity for all.

Serving you,

Introductions

First, I'd like to introduce you to our constituent services team. They do the hard work of getting things done for the people who matter most: you. If you or anybody that you know needs information about state programs or just needs help from the state, we are here for you.

Seth Levin, Chief of Staff
 - Manages the office
 - Coordinates legislation
 - Directs communications

Rachel Larkin, Director of Outreach
 - Manages the schedule
 - Directs outreach events
 - Oversees our internship program

Oleh Matviyishyn, Director of Constituent Services
 - Ensures responsiveness to constituent concerns
 - Handles constituent casework

OVERVIEW:

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111 DAYS SERVED

BY THE NUMBERS

 <p>1 Bill Signed Into Law</p>	 <p>\$550 Average Saved for Prepaid Property Tax Payers under A2650</p>
 <p>1600+ Constituent Emails Answered</p>	 <p>50+ Constituent Meetings Held</p>
 <p>70+ Local Events Attended</p>	 <p>321 Facebook Likes</p>
 <p>17 Bills Sponsored</p>	 <p>9 Bills Co-Sponsored</p>

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

JANUARY

Named to Financial Institutions & Insurance, Commerce & Economic Development, and Transportation & Independent Authorities committees

JANUARY

Route 206 and Raider Blvd traffic marking project approved

FEBRUARY

General Assembly passed my first property tax bill package, A 3382, ACR 145, and AR 117

FEBRUARY

Would save pre-paid property tax payers on average \$550 under my bill A2650

MARCH

Coordinated power restoration during winter storms. Our office stayed open remotely during each storm.

MARCH

Spoke out against gun violence at four rallies throughout the district

MARCH

Hosted a Veterans Claims Clinic in Flemington with Assemblyman Zwicker

MARCH & APRIL

Partnered with Congresswoman Bonnie Watson-Coleman for mobile office hours in South Brunswick and Princeton

APRIL

AB 3499 receives a Senate companion bill, protecting taxpayers from Washington's tax plan

APRIL

Introduced gun violence prevention legislation, AB 3815

APRIL

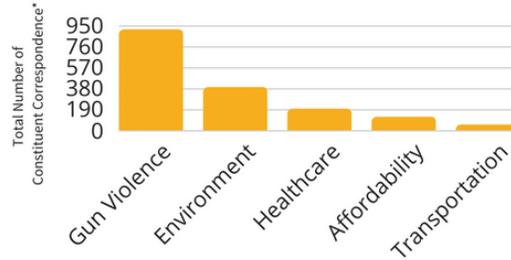
Co-sponsored the ban on offshore oil drilling which was signed into law

APRIL

A 3382 becomes my first bill to be signed into law by Governor Murphy

YOUR VOICE

Here are the Top 5 issues our constituents are most concerned with right now



Don't see an issue you're concerned with? Contact our office and let us hear from you!

*Source: Constituent Correspondence, Jan-Apr 2018

Constituent Services and Outreach

In these few short months, my office has prioritized constituent services over all else. You called, we listened, and then got things done, which is exactly how your government should work for you.



Affordability, Safety, and Opportunity

As an executive, I focused on strategy. New Jersey can't keep doing the same things over and over and expect different results.

As a legislator, I'm getting Trenton to think differently, and focus on the things that are important:

Affordability

- A3382: reduced the headache for people who prepaid their property taxes and allowed municipalities to simply credit people's accounts for over payments, rather than forcing them to send the money back
- A2650: allows people who prepaid their property taxes to deduct them from their state income taxes
- Zero-Based Budgeting: requires State Treasurer to begin the budget process with all line items zeroed out

Gun Safety

- A3815: increases the age to purchase rifles and shotguns to from 18 to 21
- Voted on a package of 6 bills intended to prevent gun violence

Increasing Economic Opportunity

- A1529: allows Hunterdon Healthcare to perform elective Angioplasties
- A3612: changes outdated regulations to increase the competitiveness of wineries
- A3644: changes outdated regulations to allow farmers to hold events like weddings on their preserved property
- A3817: implements consumer protection for bitcoin exchanges

Spring Forward

My office is looking forward to the Spring.

First, we are moving our office to Hillsborough in order to better serve you. We will be moving from our current location in Somerville to Amwell Commons shopping center off of Rt. 206. A much larger and central location will better serve the residents of the 16th District. Look out for a grand opening in the coming months. We will update you with a Save the Date in the future.

Next, we are beginning our constituent service internship program for students and recent graduates. Interns will get real world experience in policy, public service, and communications, and research. If you or anyone you know might be interested in an internship please contact Rachel at rlarkin@njleg.org

Lastly, I'd like to thank you all for your thoughts on the issues and decisions that we must make. I want you to know I truly appreciate your input and look forward to continuing to be your voice in Trenton and serving you here at home.



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