

# VETS — FOR — SERINO

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Dear Friend:

As veterans, we know what it means to serve. It's about putting our country, and our community, ahead of ourselves. It's about integrity, leadership, and a genuine drive to leave a place better than we found it. It's not often that we come across an elected official who shares these values and that same commitment to service. **That's why on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, I'll be supporting Senator Sue Serino, and I hope you will too.**

Since taking office, Sue has made it her mission to listen to local veterans, partner with our veteran community and tackle the issues that matter most to us. As a result, Sue has delivered results:

- Bringing the **Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Program (Vet2Vet)** to Dutchess County, helping to preserve it in Putnam, and successfully fighting against proposed cuts to keep it funded year after year;
- Enacting the **Veterans Buyback Bill** to allow all honorably discharged vets to purchase three years of public pension benefits; and
- Sponsoring legislation to create a **Veterans Memorial Highway** in Wappinger.

This year, Sue has also voted in support of legislation that would:

- Create a **Veterans' Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Task Force**;
- Combat veteran homelessness;
- Provide an **additional tax exemption** for two qualified veterans living in the same household; and
- Enable veterans to receive **academic credit** for their military training at SUNY and CUNY schools.

Sue also drafted and sponsored legislation to create a **half-fare program for veterans who utilize MTA services**, she co-sponsors legislation that would **increase state reimbursement** to county veterans' services agencies and **create a veterans' dental insurance program**. Sue has also been actively **fighting for the rights of our veterans** living in nursing homes and assisted living facilities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

While Sue has always been a strong, independent voice fighting for us in Albany, when it comes to assisting vets here in our community, **Sue is always there**. Whether it's supporting the Hudson Valley Honor Flight, sponsoring donation drives to support local veterans, working to secure medical equipment for those in need, or connecting area vets with local resources and organizations, Sue steps up for us time and again.

This year's election could not be more important, and every single vote will play a critical role in shaping the future of our community. **As a fellow veteran, I hope you will join me in supporting the candidate with a proven track record of fighting for us—Senator Sue Serino.**

Sincerely,



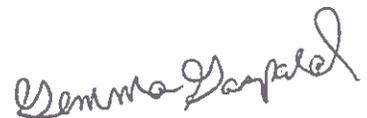
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