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Senator April Baskin Secures Several Victories in State Budget

Buffalo, NY – In her first state budget, Senator April N. M. Baskin has delivered numerous victories for District 63, which encompasses parts of Buffalo, Cheektowaga, and Lackawanna. Working with her legislative colleagues, Baskin strongly advocated for a variety of projects including the following:

Supporting Our Schools:

Senator Baskin is delivering more than **\$1.1 billion** for schools, which represents a **\$40 million** increase from the previous year. Additionally, all students from pre-kindergarten through high school will no longer have to worry about paying for breakfast and lunch, ensuring that no child goes hungry during the school day.

Strengthening Local Budgets:

Senator Baskin also secured more than **\$174 million** for the City of Buffalo, the Town of Cheektowaga, and the City of Lackawanna. These funds will help stabilize local budgets, reducing the reliance on property tax increases to meet financial needs.

Investing in Community Organizations:

Our community service organizations, which provide critical resources and assistance, will also receive significant funding. This year, Senator Baskin secured **\$250,000** for the WNY Law Center to operate its Small Business Legal Clinic, which supports entrepreneurs in starting and growing their businesses. Additionally, Gigi's Playhouse, an organization dedicated to supporting individuals with Down syndrome, will receive **\$150,000** to continue offering free programs and services. Senator Baskin is particularly excited to support Gigi's Playhouse as they plan to launch a job skills training program for individuals with Down syndrome, further empowering members of our community.

Baskin noted, “In just four months on the job, I’ve had the opportunity to work closely with my colleagues to bring these much-needed resources back to Western New York. I look forward to delivering even more for our community as my work in Albany continues to grow.”

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