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Senator Helming Hosts Roundtable with Municipal Clerks to Support Local Governments and Strengthen Community Connections



In a show of appreciation and partnership, Senator Helming recently hosted a Municipal Clerks Roundtable, bringing together clerks from towns, villages, and cities across the 54th Senate District for a collaborative conversation on the challenges and opportunities facing local governments today.

The event carried the theme, “Municipal Clerks: The Hearts of Our Communities,” and for good reason, clerks are often the first point of contact for residents, helping connect people to the services, resources, and information they need. Senator Helming opened the roundtable by thanking the attendees for their dedication and for the vital role they play in keeping local government accessible, responsive, and running smoothly.

“Our municipal clerks are the heart and soul of local government,” said Senator Helming. “They are the calm in the storm, the problem-solvers, and the friendly face behind the counter. I am deeply grateful for the care and professionalism they bring to their communities every single day.”

Special guests at the roundtable included representatives from the Monroe, Livingston, and Ontario County Boards of Elections, who shared updates and insights on New York’s new even-year elections law and how it will impact local workflows and election coordination.

The group also engaged in open discussion on key issues such as rising utility and energy costs, the impact of state electrification mandates, and updates on Senator Helming’s bipartisan PROTECT Act (S.2282A) legislation aimed at giving judges more tools to keep communities safe. Her team also walked through the Municipal Grant Booklet, a resource created to help local governments navigate and access state and federal funding opportunities.

“It was a pleasure to participate in this important discussion with our Clerks, and I want to thank Senator Helming for her leadership in bringing us together to share the unique challenges that we face as public servants,” **said Monroe County Republicans Elections Commissioner Peter Elder.**

“These roundtables are an excellent example of the power of collaboration and open dialogue. It was encouraging to see so many voices at the table, sharing insights, and working together toward common goals. These kinds of discussions are vital to informed decision-making and community progress, and we are always grateful to everyone who contributes their time and expertise,” **said Victor Town Clerk Karen Bodine.**

In a nod to the region’s agricultural roots, Van De Walle Fruit Farm in Alton generously donated fresh Wayne County apples for attendees to enjoy; a small but meaningful reminder of the local pride that runs deep in every corner of the district.

Senator Helming closed the event with a message of gratitude and encouragement.

“Partnerships like these are how we solve problems and serve people better. I truly value the collaboration we have with clerks and local leaders throughout the Finger Lakes and Western New York. These conversations make a difference, and I look forward to continuing them.”

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