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December Newsletter:

Happy Holidays!



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I'm grateful for our entire community this holiday season. I want to acknowledge the friends and neighbors who supported my campaign and put in the hard work to get the message out and put our values into action. I'm honored to continue to represent Senate District 38 and will continue to fight for shoreline access and work on adapting to sea level rise, improving healthcare access and tackling cost of living issues for families and seniors.



Action Alert: Commuter Rail Funding

Would you like to see more rail service in our area that could take us to NYC, TF Green airport, Providence or Boston by expanding commuter rail service on the existing Northeast rail corridor?

The Westerly Station is being considered next year for an engineering/feasibility study of high-level platforms that would enable commuter rail and greatly improve access for people with disabilities. Gov McKee's support and Congressional support is needed for funding. You can make a difference by sending a letter. Especially powerful would be testimonial for how you have enjoyed rail travel or how you might use commuter rail.

Email Gov McKee And Your Congress Members Today

New Charlestown Town Council

Happy Holidays from the Charlestown Town Hall!

Senator Morgan, Representative Tina Spears and I came to a Town Council meeting to recognize outgoing Town Councilor Susan Cooper for her years of service. She was instrumental in creating the Charlestown Climate Resiliency Commission, which I served on.

Congratulations to the elected and re-elected Town Councilors: Deb Carney, Rippy Serra, Peter Slom, Stephen Stokes, and Craig Marr

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Age-Friendly Westerly 2024

Glad to join community groups at the Westerly Library & Wilcox Park to celebrate the 2024 Age Friendly Westerly Action Plan. The 2021 Plan led to the start of the Westerly Village Common, a network of volunteers to help with transportation and other senior needs. The 2024 plan has three focus areas: senior housing options, transportation, and communication & information.



Thanks to AARP Rhode Island, Yale New Haven Hospital, Westerly Village Common, The Town of Westerly, and Age Friendly RI

[Learn more](#)

New Westerly Town Council, School Committee

Congratulations to the newly sworn in Westerly Town Councilors and School Committee Members, and congrats to Chris Duhamel, the new President, and Mary Scialabba, the new Vice President! Looking forward to working together to help the community. To the outgoing councilors and committee members: thank you for your time and service.

Newly sworn into TC: Michael Thomas Niemeyer, [Alexandra Healy](#), Chris Duhamel, Rose Van Dover

Newly sworn into SC: Angela Bethany Goethals-soder, [Tim Killam](#), Peter Nero, Kristi Walston

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Meeting with Congressmember Gabe Amo

Senator Mack and I chatted with our newest Congressman, [Gabe Amo](#), about Rhode Island priorities and how, now that the balance of power has shifted in Congress, federal funding could really change and impact local projects, renewable energy tax credits, etc. We have to go into 2025 prepared.

Diving into Healthcare Issues

I attended the Women in Government conference this year, for state legislators. Each conference is an opportunity to talk to experts and legislators who may have already tried different initiatives/bills successfully or unsuccessfully, so we can learn from them.

We learned a lot about prescription drug supply chains. Myself and others asked a lot of questions about how we can bring down the prices of prescription drugs.





2025-2026 Energy & Environment Fellow

I'm excited to share that I'll be part of a 2-year fellowship to work with other young legislators (brought together by Future Caucus) on bipartisan solutions for our energy grid and environmental issues. We kicked off our fellowship in December and will be meeting monthly with national experts and crafting bill proposals. The benefit is we can learn a lot from what other states have already tried and work with states like CT and MA on issues that span multiple states.

Responding to RI CyberAttack



Protect Your Personal Info:

#1: Freeze Your Credit

Freeze your credit for free by reaching out to **all three** credit reporting agencies so no one else can take out a loan or establish credit in your name.

#2: Monitor Your Credit

Contact one of the credit reporting agencies to order a **free credit report**.

#3: Request a Fraud Alert

Contact one of the credit reporting agencies to place a free fraud alert on your files. This lets creditors know they must contact you before any new accounts can be opened.

#4 Use Multifactor Authentication

This means having a safety backup for your passwords to help prove that it's really you before logging into your account.

#5 Be Aware

You may receive fake e-mails, phone calls or texts that look legitimate. **Never** share personal information through an unsolicited e-mail, call or text.

This data breach is very concerning and we need to get answers and accountability. Many Rhode Islanders' data was potentially exposed. With my background in technology, I am familiar with how much personal data gets shared and collected on the Internet, and I highly encourage people to take about 15 minutes to freeze their credit so that no one can take out fraudulent loans or credit cards in your name. Here are the three major credit bureaus where you can request a freeze for free. You can always go back and unfreeze it if you want to apply for a new loan.

<https://www.transunion.com/credit-freeze>

<https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/credit-freeze/>

<https://www.experian.com/help/credit-freeze/>

Those impacted will receive a letter on how to access free credit monitoring. In the meantime anyone who applied for state health coverage or health and human services programs should take the steps outlined above to protect their personal info.

If you have questions, please contact the RIBridges Data Breach Hotline: 833-918-6603

Mon-Fri 9am-9pm

Weekends 11am-8pm

Find out more at CyberAlert.RI.Gov

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