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CHAIRMAN OF THE ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE, TERRY BERNARDO, RELEASES YEAR-END LETTER TO RESIDENTS

Today, Chairman Terry Bernardo released her year-end report detailing the accomplishments of the Legislature in 2012. In the report she highlights both the success and frustrations Legislators faced this year.

As the first woman to Chair the Legislature, Bernardo set out an aggressive agenda last January, "It was my view that a true legislative agenda had not been laid out with this kind of detail since we had changed over to the Charter form of government," she notes.

Bernardo acknowledges "there were mistakes I made, but ultimately I have learned from them and will return better for it in the New Year." The report credits her fellow Legislators from both sides of the isle for their advise, support and wisdom in various endeavors.

"Working together has been the foundation of this Legislature; agreeing enthusiastically when we can and disagreeing civilly when we must," Bernardo said.

Some of the highlights of the report include the first Hydraulic "fracking" Brine ban in the State, the Truth in Taxation initiative, first steps toward the Safety Net take over, the buyout of homes being flooded in Wawarsing and standing firm against the New York City DEP destruction of the Esopus Creek.

Bernardo also recognized the efforts of Ulster County Executive Mike Hein in introducing and supporting several proposals and programs. "Together, the Legislature and County Executive partnered to accept the challenge and recommend some long awaited policies."

"Whatever successes we have had, are all of ours," Bernardo said. "And whatever frustrations have existed, we are striving to overcome, because taxpayers deserve nothing less than we can give, in trying to provide excellent public service."

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