



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Senator Weber Takes Action to Hold CSX Accountable for Negligence in Rockland County, Secures Compensation for Affected Residents

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As the State Senator representing most of Rockland County, I am proud to have spearheaded efforts to hold CSX accountable for their negligence in maintaining train tracks, resulting in multiple brush fires in our community. The most recent incident occurred in mid-April, prompting my immediate action to introduce legislation requiring CSX to maintain the tracks properly. I am fully committed to passing this bill during the upcoming legislative session to ensure the safety of our residents.

CSX has acknowledged some responsibility for these incidents, as confirmed by an investigation conducted by the Rockland County Sheriff's Office. I am pleased to report that significant progress has been made in compensating affected residents and municipalities with the assistance of my office. To date, we have helped secure close to \$100,000 from CSX for residents who have contacted my staff. The resolution process is ongoing, and we anticipate a total payout of nearly one million dollars. This financial relief will be crucial in restoring affected communities and mitigating the damages caused by CSX's negligence.

If any individuals or families' homes have sustained damage but have yet to make a claim, I encourage them to contact my office at 845-623-3627. We are here to assist and ensure that

everyone impacted receives the support they need.

By shining a spotlight on CSX's actions and demanding accountability, my colleagues and I are working tirelessly to safeguard our community and prevent future incidents.