

Moving into new Senate leadership role

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Senator George Maziarz (R-C, Newfane) today announced that he has been appointed Vice President Pro Tempore of the New York State Senate, the third highest ranking leadership position in the chamber. In this new role, Senator Maziarz will be working closely with President Pro Tempore Dean Skelos (R-Rockville Center) and Majority Leader Tom Libous (R-C-I, Binghamton), as well as all his colleagues on both sides of the aisle, to craft a policy agenda that focuses on tax relief, fiscal restraint, economic development, and job creation.

"Our state desperately needs reform," Senator Maziarz. "We must chart a clear course to get us beyond our budget deficits and our economic stagnation. We need to make bold changes to the way our government is structured and the way it operates, and I look forward to being part of that process." Senator Maziarz noted that no Western New York member of the State Senate has had such a prominent leadership role since the days of the late Senate Majority Leader Earl Brydges a generation ago. "My new leadership role can only help our Western New York delegation advance key projects like UB 2020," Senator Maziarz said. "Making sure that our region has a voice in Albany is what my public service is all about."

It was previously announced that Senator Maziarz will retain his post as Chairman of the Senate Energy and Telecommunications Committee. He was also serve as a member of the Rules; Environmental Conservation; Higher Education; Transportation; and Crime Victims, Crim, and Corrections Committees. Senator Maziarz was first elected to the New York State Senate in 1995 and has previously served as Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee; Labor Committee; and Tourism, Recreation, and Sports Development Committee.

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