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Senators Jen Metzger and James Skoufis Welcome In-Person Appointments in Their District Offices

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Hudson Valley and Catskills, NY...New York State Senators Jen Metzger (SD-42) and James Skoufis (SD-39) are once again offering in-person meetings by appointment at their district offices, beginning on Tuesday, June 23, as the Mid-Hudson Region enters Phase Three of reopening. Both offices will also continue to be available to constituents remotely by phone, email, and through virtual appointments as they have been since the start of the pandemic.

Throughout the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic, Senator Metzger, Senator Skoufis and staff in their respective offices worked remotely to provide continuous service to constituents via phone and email during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Both Senate offices also worked around the clock to help thousands of constituents navigate the Department of Labor's Unemployment Insurance system, and provided other forms of needed assistance during this public health crisis.

"Working remotely didn't slow our office down one bit, but I very much miss meeting with constituents to discuss their ideas and concerns, and I am glad to get back to in-person office appointments," **said Senator Jen Metzger.** "We will closely follow all health protocols to ensure everyone's safety as we continue our efforts to slow the transmission of COVID-19 and protect public health."

"I'm proud of our team which hasn't missed a beat during the past three months and now, as the Mid-Hudson region enters phase three, we look forward to resuming in-person appointments for our constituents who require a face-to-face meeting," **said Senator Skoufis.**

"These past several months, our office has helped nearly 4,000 people get their unemployment benefits and countless others navigate through this turbulent time. While we will certainly continue to offer assistance online or by phone, I'm glad that our region is on the right track and we can begin to again meet constituents in our physical offices."

To request an appointment with Senator Metzger, you can fill out a meeting request form at <http://bitly.com/senatormetzger> or call her Middletown office at (845) 344-3311, or her Liberty office at (845) 292-0215.

To request an appointment with Senator Skoufis please email skoufis@nysenate.gov or call his office at (845) 567-1270. Appointments will be available in both his Newburgh and North Rockland offices.

All visitors and staff will be required to wear face coverings and both offices will follow social-distancing protocols during appointments. Face coverings will be provided if individuals do not have them. Hand sanitizer will be available and offices will regularly disinfect between appointments.

Senator Jen Metzger's constituent services staff is also reinstating their **2020 mobile office hours on Tuesday, June 30, by appointment in Delhi**, continuing the Senator's initiative to bring her office's services directly to the communities she serves. To reserve time with the Senator's district director, email Max Cordella at cordella@nysenate.gov.

In 2019, Metzger's constituent services staff held mobile office hours in 50 different locations, in addition to the daily business hours of her district offices in Middletown in Orange County, and in Liberty in Sullivan County.