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HOUSE OF DELEGATES

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## **Greetings from the 435<sup>th</sup> Session of the Maryland General Assembly!**

I am honored to continue to represent the 11<sup>th</sup> District in Annapolis. I am also very pleased to have been appointed by the Speaker to the role of Vice Chair of the Environment and Transportation Committee, with Delegate Kumar Barve of Montgomery County as Chair.

I will also serve as the chair of the Natural Resources, Agriculture & Open Space Subcommittee.

The Environment and Transportation Committee will be dealing with several major issues this year— including fracking, the "phosphorus management tool," which regulates use of chicken manure by farmers on their fields—a major pollutant of the Chesapeake Bay, and stormwater management. I look forward to your feedback as these controversial issues come to the fore!



## The Budget

On January 23rd, the Governor introduced his budget. It's clear that with a \$750 million deficit, the State needs to make cuts from a number of programs.

However, I am concerned that the Governor's budget cuts \$148 million from funding for K-12 education that otherwise would have been in place this year. I believe that K-12 education is our top funding priority, and I do not support cuts that will jeopardize the significant progress that our schools have made over the past several years.

## Meet My Staff

I am very pleased to introduce you to the remarkable people that make up my Legislative Team. This exceptional team of support staff are enthusiastic about serving the constituents of the 11<sup>th</sup> District and seeing Maryland achieve its highest potential.



**Margie Brassil**  
***Legislative Director***

Margie, a native Chicagoan, moved from New York City to Baltimore twenty years ago to pursue a graduate degree at Johns Hopkins University. She brings a background in policy studies and a talent for writing and editing to her position, in addition to the political savvy she gained from twelve years involvement in Baltimore County politics.



**Becca Bakre**  
***Legislative Support***

Becca is a University of Maryland, College Park and University of Baltimore Alumnus, with a Bachelor's in Government and Politics and a Master's in Public Administration. She is a Texas native, who moved to Baltimore 12 years ago, and has fallen in love with its rich history and culture. Becca assists with all communications both internally and externally as well as facilitating the delegate scholarship program.



**Allie Santacreu**  
***Legislative Support***

Allie is a student at the University of Maryland, School of Law receiving dual JD and Master's Degree in Community Planning. Originally from Michigan, Allie moved to Baltimore 3 years ago and is interested in working to address the unique issues facing Baltimore and the State of Maryland. Allie assists with constituent communications and matters of public policy.

## **Scholarships**

The application for the H. Alan Lipsitz Memorial Scholarship has re-opened. I encourage all students residing in District 11 and attending a college or university in Maryland in the upcoming 2015-2016 Academic Year to apply to receive this award. This scholarship is awarded every year and can be applied toward college level or graduate level expenses.

The scholarship is dedicated to my former teacher H. Allan Lipsitz, who taught English at Milford Mill High School for 13 years before teaching students at Towson University and later becoming director of adult education at Beth El Congregation. For a brief biography and details on how to apply for this award, please visit: [http:// danastein.com/scholarship/](http://danastein.com/scholarship/). Applications must be mailed by March 27, 2015.

## **Visiting Constituents**

I have had visits from a number of constituents so far this year. These constituents represent a variety of groups with concerns before the legislature. I and my staff have met with constituents representing United Seniors, NAMI-Baltimore, Maryland School for the Blind, the Heart Association, bus drivers, midwives, and the Fraternal Benefits Association, in addition to students from Beth Tfiloh Dahan Community School and CCBC.

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I am proud to be representing you in Annapolis and to be a part of the District 11 legislative team, which includes Senator Bobby Zirkin and Delegates Shelly Hettleman and Dan Morhaim. Please contact me at 410-841-3527 or [dana.stein@house.state.md.us](mailto:dana.stein@house.state.md.us) if I can ever be of assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dana Stein". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dana Stein

Delegate

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