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Dear Friend,

The New Year is off to a great start, after an exciting and historic inauguration and an informative 3-day bus tour with fellow legislators around central and western Maine. It's an honor to be a member of the 129th Maine Legislature, and I'm so grateful for the opportunity to serve you and our community.

This is the first of the monthly updates I'll send about my work as your State Representative. Now that the new session is underway, I'll do my best to keep you up-to-date and hope these emails will be helpful and informative. **If at any time you decide you would prefer not to receive email updates, you can opt out by clicking the "unsubscribe" button at the bottom of all of my emails.**

The deadline to submit bills for this session was December 31, and I submitted six, all of them springing from conversations with residents of our towns. They are in process and I'd be happy to send you a list if you'd like.

I'm pleased to have been appointed to serve on the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee. We'll be working on policies around Maine's energy mix, increasing efficiency and more. Our first meeting was this week, and very soon we'll start considering the bills before us this session. It's a banner year for bills, with more than 2000 submitted by the Legislature, and 104 for my committee alone! I'm looking forward to getting to work.



I've enjoyed getting to know Frank Carr and other veterans at the American Legion's Sunday morning pancake breakfasts

Please feel welcome to contact me with your questions, concerns and ideas. Making connections is important to me, and I can best serve our community when I hear directly from you. I can be reached at (207) 542-1990 or by email at Victoria.Doudera@legislature.maine.gov

Best wishes for a happy and healthy 2019!

Kind Regards,

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What's happening at the State House

If you'd like more information on what's happening at the State House, the Legislature's website has a number of resources:

- You can find a schedule for public hearings, a great opportunity for you to weigh in on the issues before us, and other meetings here: <http://legislature.maine.gov/Calendar>
- If you would like to subscribe to email notifications about a particular committee's work, you can sign up here: <https://lists.legislature.maine.gov>
- If you would like to listen to a public hearing or work session online, you can do so here: <http://legislature.maine.gov/Audio/>
- On days the House is in session, you can find a livestream of the chamber here: http://legislature.maine.gov/Audio/#house_chamber

Local legislators take to the road

Last week, I joined roughly 60 of my legislative colleagues on a bus tour of western Maine. This three day journey was hosted by the Maine Development Foundation, and gave us an opportunity to explore the economic challenges and opportunities that exist in the region.

If you would like to learn more, click [here](#) to see my recent column in the PenBay Pilot.

Serve as an honorary page

When the House is in session, students from elementary school through high school are invited to [serve as honorary pages](#). This is a great opportunity to participate in the legislative process, and I'd love to host students during this session.

If your student is interested in serving as an honorary page, please let me know.

