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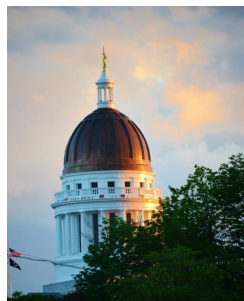
Dear Friend,

Spring is officially here, and you can feel new energy entering the State House.

Every day we welcome hundreds of visitors – student groups learning how government works, citizens being honored by our Legislature, community members here to testify at public hearing and more. Just last week a group of students from Camden Hills came to support a bill to reduce carbon emissions, and next month I'll be meeting with Global Climate Change students from the W atershed School. It means so much to me to meet and hear from all of you who take the time to travel to Augusta, and reminds me, once again, how lucky I am to serve as your State Representative.

I'm proud to report that the Legislature is working cohesively and collaboratively. We've already moved about half of our 2,000 bills into committees, where they are being thoroughly discussed, re-worked and considered.

My Energy, Utilities and Technology committee has been hard at work on bills and on **Thursday, April 4th**, you'll have the opportunity to learn more about what we're doing in person. A "Maine Power Town Hall" featuring Rep. Seth Berry, myself, and Senator Dave Miramant will be held at the Rockport Opera House from 6:30 to 8 pm and is a chance to hear about the important energy issues facing our state.



On that note, many of you have asked me about the status of the Central Maine Power transmission corridor. **[Here's a column I wrote for yesterday's Pen Bay Pilot](#)**, which gives an update. Please reach out to share your questions or perspectives on this or any other issue.

Sincerely,

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Familiar Faces at the State House!



This month I welcomed students from Camden Hills Regional High School to the State House. They testified before the Legislature's Environment and Natural Resources Committee in support of **LD 818**, which will reduce Maine's greenhouse gas emissions. It is always inspiring to see our students engaged in the political process.

Maine Maple Sunday is Here!

Maine Maple Sunday is this Sunday, March 24. Sugarhouses all over the state will be hosting family-friendly activities. And, of course, there will be plenty of maple products showcasing the first maple syrup of the season to enjoy. Head over to **[this link](#)** to find a participating sugarhouse near us.

Join me that same Sunday from 7:30 am to 9 am for pancakes featuring Maine maple syrup at the American Legion Hall, 91 Pearl Street in Camden. I'll be helping our Veterans at this fundraising breakfast to benefit one of their members in need. Call Post Commander Frank Carr for more information at 236-3310.

First signed bill of session honors Maine soldier

Gov. Janet Mills has signed her first bill. The legislation names the bridge on Main Street in Orono the Brandon M. Silk Memorial Bridge, remembering Staff Sgt. Brandon M. Silk, who died while serving our country in Afghanistan on June 21, 2010. The bill was introduced by Rep. Ryan Tipping of Orono. Tipping says re-naming the bridge is an important way to honor Brandon's "life, his family and his service to our country."

Celebrate Women's History Month

March is Women's History Month, and there are events happening all around the state. U Maine has an entire **[schedule of activities, films, events and talks](#)**. The Maine State Museum is opening a **[new exhibit](#)**, celebrating 100 years of women's suffrage starting on March 23. These are just a few of the many opportunities to honor the past, present and future contributions of women to our state and country.

Transportation projects near us

The Maine Department of Transportation has released its three-year work plan for 2019-2021. The plan outlines the hundreds of upcoming projects the department will be working on. You can search for planned projects in our community or anywhere in Maine **[at this link](#)**.

Connect with Your State Rep: Vicki's Upcoming Session

Saturday, March 23 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Rockport Diner, 420 West Street in Rockport

This event is an opportunity for constituents to sit down with me and hear updates from Augusta, ask questions about policy making and share opinions on state matters.

