

A NOTE FROM JOSH

Neighbor,

Every day when I go to work, I think about my roots in Upstate New York, and that guides the decisions I make. I grew up in West Endicott, where just about everyone worked in the local factories—and just about nobody cared about your political party. What mattered was whether you worked hard and looked out for one another. I'm committed to bringing those Upstate New York values to Congress. Two-thirds of the bills I've sponsored are bipartisan, and all of them are intended to make your life better.

I know that Upstate New Yorkers have been sold out, overlooked, and left behind by a political system that favors special interests over working people. I went to Congress to change that, and that's what I've been fighting to do every day. In the three months since I was sworn into office, I've been:

- **taking on the utility monopolies** to lower your costs;
- cutting through red tape to **lower your grocery bill**;
- pushing for legislation to **support our family farmers**;
- working to **create good paying manufacturing jobs**; and
- **protecting healthcare** for working families, children, and seniors.

I put this report together so you can keep up with everything I'm doing—because I work for you. I hope you'll take a look and bring your ideas and questions to our telephone town hall on March 26. You can sign up at riley.house.gov/townhall.

As always, my door is open—please reach out if there's anything my team or I can do to help.

With gratitude & high hopes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JR' with a stylized flourish.

A background image of a grocery store aisle filled with various fresh produce like cucumbers, corn, and tomatoes.

Riley sponsors first bill, aimed at helping households weatherize homes

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Josh Riley backs bill to reduce grocery prices as bird flu spreads


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LOWERING COSTS

When I talk to folks across Upstate New York, the number one concern I hear is the high cost of living. That's why I'm working across the aisle to take on the special interests, lower costs, and make life a little easier for you.

My very first bill, the *Weatherization Readiness and Enhancement Act*, will **help families save up to \$400 a year** by making home improvements that lower their energy bills. In the process, this bipartisan bill will also create thousands of good-paying union jobs. The big utility companies pushing double-digit rate hikes don't deserve another break, but you do and I'm fighting to deliver.

I know folks are facing sticker shock in the grocery store, too. That's why I introduced the *Lowering Egg Prices Act*. This bipartisan bill will **lower your grocery bill by cutting bureaucratic red tape** that forces farmers to throw out 400 million perfectly good eggs every year. I also introduced a bipartisan bill that will help **contain the bird flu and lower egg prices** by giving farmers the support they need to keep their businesses running.



Riley launches Upstate Agriculture Advisory Board



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Riley backs bipartisan dairy farm bills



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Riley pushes bill to stop China from buying farmland

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February 21, 2025

SUPPORTING UPSTATE FARMERS

Upstate New York's farmers are the backbone of our rural communities and local economy. As a member of the House Committee on Agriculture, I'm working to ensure they finally get a fair shot.

In February, **I hosted the first meeting of my Upstate Agriculture Advisory Board** which brings together farmers, producers, and stakeholders to discuss how we can support Upstate New York's priorities in the Farm Bill. I've introduced several bipartisan bills based on those conversations:

- My *Strengthening Rural Cooperatives and Communities Act* will provide **a lifeline for many small businesses** and farmers.
- The *FUTURE Farmers Act* will support agricultural sciences education and train **the next generation of Upstate's agricultural leaders**.
- I sponsored a package of bills that would **support Upstate's dairy industry** by leveling the playing field so family farms can compete.
- I sponsored legislation to **stop China from buying Upstate farmland**—because food security is national security.



Riley calls out Washington politicians for ‘stupid’ plan to kill Upstate manufacturing jobs


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FIGHTING FOR WORKING PEOPLE

In Endicott where I grew up, my family spent generations working in the local factories, making boots at EJs and circuit boards at IBM. Those good-paying jobs gave folks a shot at the middle class, but it all went away when corrupt politicians and greedy corporations shipped everything overseas. On the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology, I’m working to create opportunity by bringing jobs in high-tech manufacturing back home.

That’s why I’m fighting back against stupid plans to kill the *CHIPS & Science Act*, **which promises to create thousands of good-paying manufacturing jobs across our region**. Making semiconductors here will put folks to work and reduce our reliance on China. It’s a no-brainer, and I won’t let Washington politicians tear that opportunity away.

I’m also a proud sponsor of the *Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act*, which makes it **easier to join a union and harder to bust one**. Big corporations and powerful special interests have enough power in Washington, and it’s time working people had a say.



Riley pushes bill to halt possible closures of Social Security offices

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Riley blasts budget plans, saying they gut Medicaid



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PUTTING UPSTATE FIRST

For me, it's not about political party, it's about doing right by Upstate New York. It's that simple. Over the past few months, Washington politicians have pushed proposals that are really, really bad for our communities, so I'm fighting back.

When Elon Musk proposed closing local Social Security offices and making it harder for retirees to access their benefits, especially in rural areas, I introduced legislation to fight back and keep those offices open. **I'll always work to ensure our seniors get every penny they've earned.**

And when extreme Washington politicians proposed a budget that would rip health care away from 30% of our neighbors, including 40% of kids and 70% of seniors in nursing homes, just so they could dole out tax cuts to big corporations, I voted *hell* no. **I know there isn't a single Upstate New Yorker who thinks big corporations deserve more while working families get less.**

KEEPING IT LOCAL

I've been spending a lot of time over the last three months visiting communities whose voices aren't always heard in today's politics, learning about the challenges they're facing and how I can help.

Downtown Wurtsboro is full of small businesses—restaurants, bookstores, even a motorcycle shop and a world famous crystal store. Most of the economic activity in Wurtsboro comes from folks traveling west on Route 17 who get off at Exit 114. **But one-size-fits-all federal regulations are threatening to close the exit, bypassing the village and devastating the local economy.**

I went to Wurtsboro to visit the small business owners and community leaders and work with them on a plan to keep Exit 114 open. I'm pushing state and federal regulators to visit the town to better understand the impact the closure would have on folks there, and **I'll fight like hell to keep Exit 114 open.**



"It's the first time we've had a Congressman here, especially someone who just took the seat. So I think it's great that he came to see what we're about."

- Wurtsboro Mayor Frank Cisco