

Legislative Report

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Lobby Day - Albany

On **Tuesday, April 5, 2016**, members of the Hudson Valley 10-13 Association will meet in the parking lot of the Crown Plaza Hotel located at Exit 14B of the New York Thruway at Airmont Road, Suffern, NY. At approximately 9:30 AM a bus will take us to the State Capital in Albany, for our annual **Lobby Day**.

This is a very important day for our organization because we get the opportunity to visit the offices of our elected officials in order to convince them of the importance of supporting legislature that is of vital interest to our members and their families.

The two bills that are most important to us this year are:

1. **The Health Benefits Protection Bill**, which is sponsored in the Senate by Andrew Lanza (S3320) and in the Assembly by David Weprin (A3539).
2. **The Veterans Supplementation Bill**, which is sponsored in the Senate by William Larkin (S5065) and in the Assembly by Michael Den Dekker (A7534).

Both of these bills are winding their way through the Senate and Assembly committees and it is imperative that we as an organization make our elected officials aware that we need their support in order to get these bills on the desk of the Governor for his signature.

The Health Benefits Protection Bill does just that. It protects our health benefits. We worked hard throughout the years and we certainly do not want to have these benefits taken from us. If we don't actively work towards lobbying our representatives in Albany, who will?

Lobby Day happens once a year. Why not actively participate in a cause that affects all of us and our families. There is strength in numbers and the more members that join us on **Lobby Day**, the stronger our voice.. There is no cost involved to our members as transportation and lunch will be provided. Bring along a friend. We need and value your support!