



The Link Between One's Constituency and The Hill: Working as A Senate Press Intern



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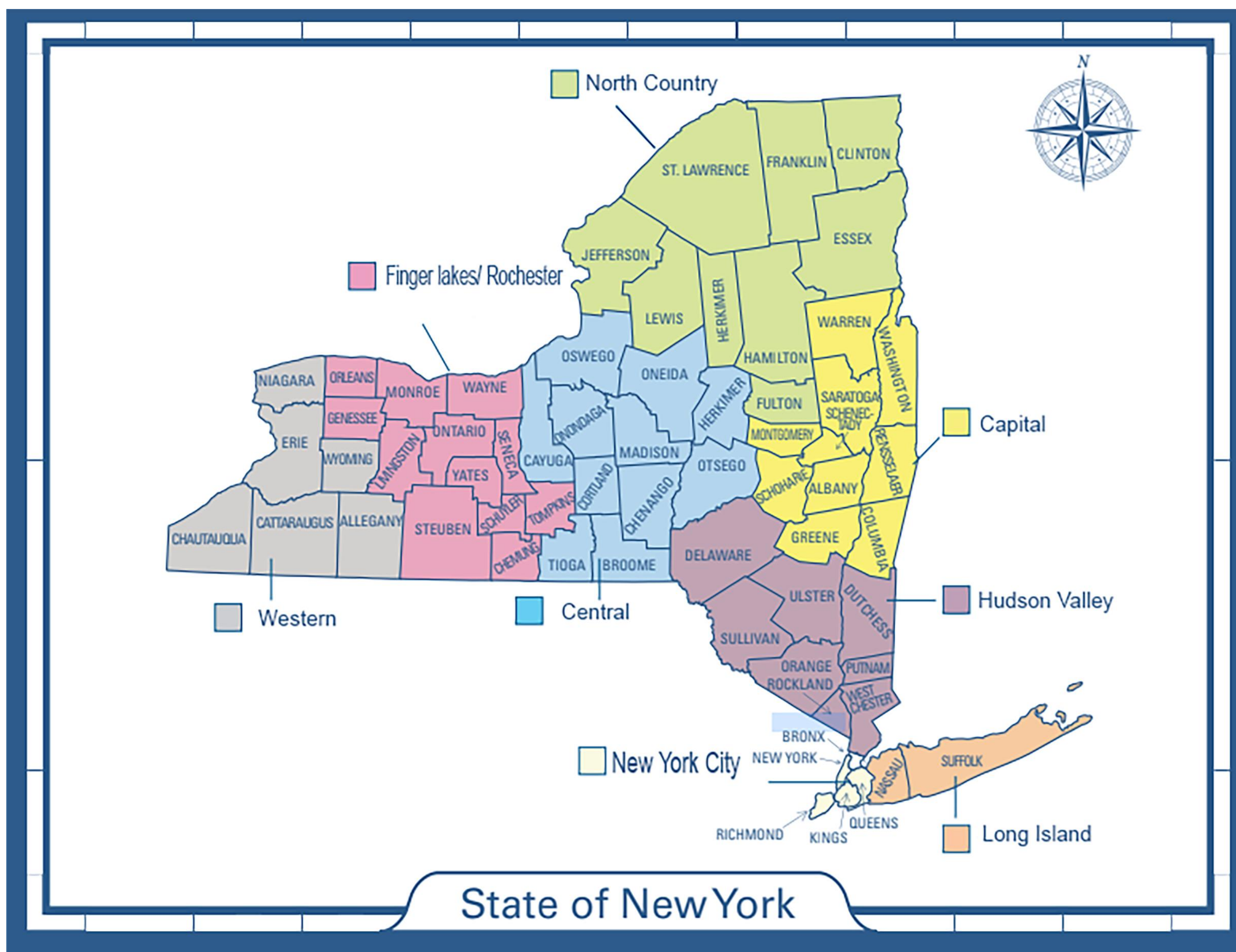
Guiding Questions:

- How does one adapt to a changing political environment, coupled with setbacks and frustrations?
- How do social justice issues and concerns of advocacy groups garner attention and get addressed at the federal level?



A week in the life of a press intern!

- Waking up at 5:30AM to check the morning news and compile a newsletter for all our staff.
 - Researching and interacting with reporters to plan press calls and trips upstate to discuss various issues in Congress and New York.
 - Assessing the impact of the Senator's speeches through tracking articles and TV segments.
 - Handling breaking news and bills getting signed into law.
- Attending live press conferences and transcribing reporter's questions and the Senator's answers.





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Gillibrand Announces \$800,000 In Federal Funding For Winter Storm Preparation In The Town Of Ellenburg

Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand announced \$800,000 in federal funding to construct a salt storage facility in the town of Ellenburg in Clinton County. The funding was allocated through the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Rural Development program and will help improve the efficiency of winter road maintenance while protecting the environment from runoff from salt and sand storage.

"This funding will help our winter storm response teams work as quickly as possible to clear our roads and prevent tragic accidents," said Senator Gillibrand. "Making sure our roads are safe is a priority for me in Congress, and I'll keep fighting to bring federal resources home to bolster our Upstate infrastructure."

The New York State Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) will provide an additional \$500,000 to finance the project.

