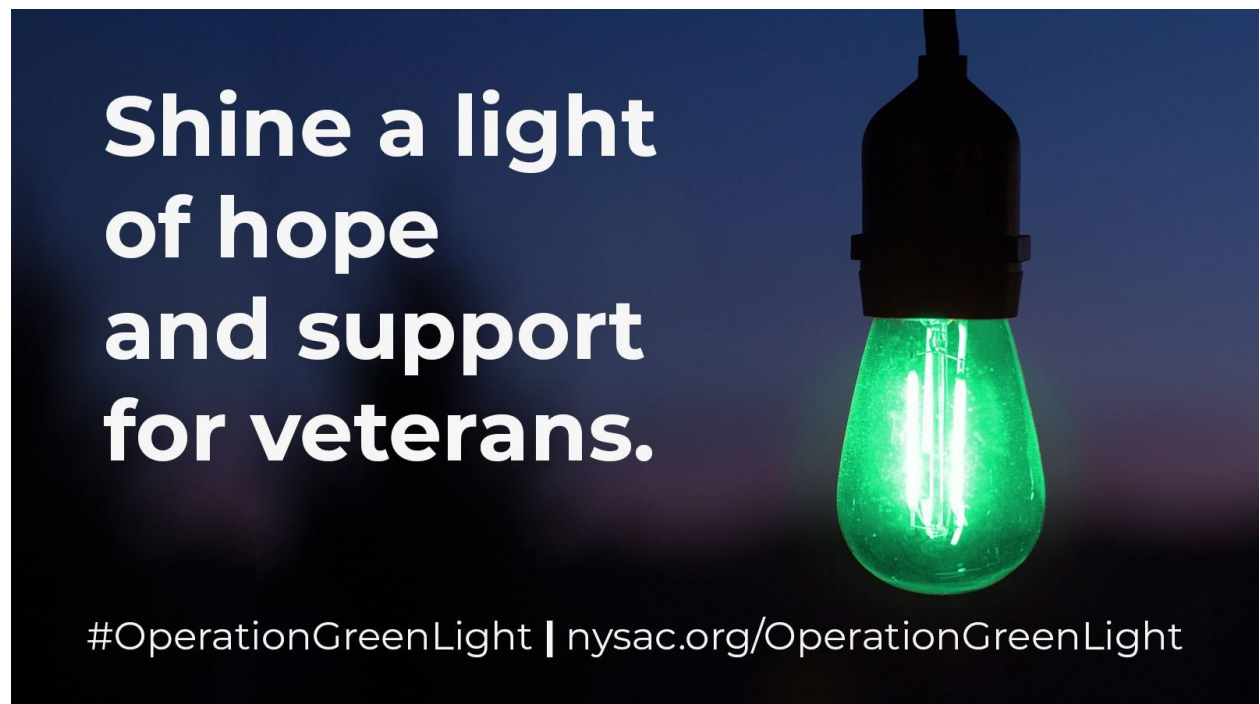




Dear Neighbors,

This week, I want to begin my weekly update by expressing my deep gratitude to our community of Veterans. Thank you to our Veterans and your families for your service, for your many sacrifices, and for demonstrating to us all what love for our country means. I will continue to fight for increased funding for the essential resources that aid Veterans with the challenges they face as they exit active duty and transition to civilian communities. I join my community by shining a green light in observation of Project Green Light to make sure that our Veterans know that we support them every day of the year.



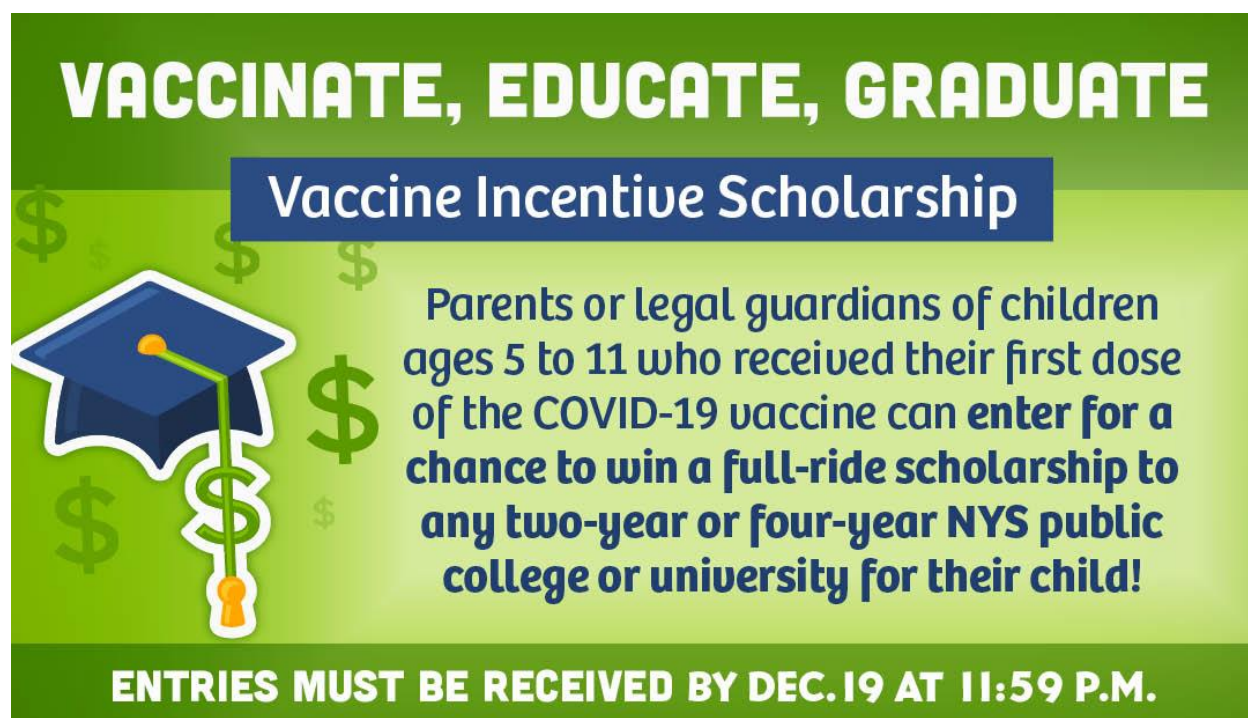
**Vaccinate, Educate, Graduate Vaccine Incentive Scholarship**

Parents or legal guardians of any New Yorker, ages 5 to 11, can enter their child who has received at least their first COVID-19 vaccine dose (at any time), for a chance to win one of 50, four-year full-ride scholarships (includes tuition, fees, room-and-board, and expenses) to any New York State public college or university.

Submit only one entry per vaccinated child, 5-11 years old. All entries received will be included in all drawings for the **'Vaccinate, Educate, Graduate' Vaccine Incentive** after the entry is received unless you win. All winners will be removed from future drawings.

Entries must be received by December 19, 2021, 2021 at 11:59:59 p.m. EDT to be eligible for at least one drawing.

[Enter here to Win a Full Scholarship!](#)



**VACCINATE, EDUCATE, GRADUATE**

**Vaccine Incentive Scholarship**

Parents or legal guardians of children ages 5 to 11 who received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine can **enter for a chance to win a full-ride scholarship to any two-year or four-year NYS public college or university for their child!**

**ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY DEC. 19 AT 11:59 P.M.**

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**Legislative Update**

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### **Federal Infrastructure Bill Invests in New York's Future!**

The recently passed \$1 trillion federal infrastructure bill is a historic investment in the foundation and future of our communities. This legislation will create real, tangible results that New Yorkers will see – better roads, reliable high-speed internet, improved public transportation and airports, the peace of mind of knowing their drinking water is protected and the implementation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure. It includes funding to help New York repair the aging infrastructure that our families use day in and day out while also moving us toward a greener future with additional resources to combat pollution.

## The federal infrastructure bill *invests in New York's future*



- ✓ **\$11.5** billion to repair aging roads and bridges
- ✓ **\$1.9** billion for a new bridge repair program
- ✓ **\$142** million for electric vehicle charging infrastructure

This boost of federal funding is critical to build on our recovery from COVID-19 and move our nation forward. President Biden and congressional leadership stepped up and made a real investment in New York. As we move forward, I'll continue working to pass legislation that addresses local needs and strengthens our community. Here are a few highlights:

- The largest infrastructure package in U.S. history, the \$1 trillion infrastructure plan invests in roads and bridges nationwide and creates good-paying jobs.
- The federal infrastructure bill provides billions to address pollution statewide, which will complement the measure recently passed by New York voters to add a right to clean water, air and a healthful environment to the NYS constitution.
- The federal infrastructure bill provides billions in federal dollars to safeguard our drinking water and protect our families.
- The federal infrastructure bill provides billions in federal funding to help develop electric vehicle infrastructure and zero-emission vehicles.
- Reliable, high-speed internet access is critical for families to stay connected, work from home and learn remotely. The federal infrastructure bill invests in this critical infrastructure to help address persistent coverage gaps.



**New Laws help combat gun violence, keep New Yorkers safe**

Gun violence is a scourge on our communities that has claimed far too many lives. To fight back, the Assembly Majority has worked to put an end to gun violence with comprehensive, commonsense measures that protect New Yorkers. This new legislation builds on previous laws that the Assembly Majority championed, such as allowing courts to prohibit individuals who are a threat to themselves or others from having a firearm and barring people convicted of domestic violence crimes from owning firearms (Ch. 19 of 2019; Ch. 60 of 2018).

The new measures to tackle gun violence, which were recently signed into law by Gov. Hochul, ban the possession of unfinished firearm frames and receivers, ghost guns – weapons made from untraceable gun components – and firearms disguised as toys (A. 2666-A; A.613-A; A.6522). These laws target illegal activity, not responsible gun owners, and will help curb gun violence.



### **Improving Public Safety**

The Assembly Majority fought for new laws that will enable us to further study the root causes of gun violence and craft new legislation to improve public safety.

## IMPROVING PUBLIC SAFETY

with new laws that support data-driven research to stop gun violence:



Creates the Firearm Violence Research Institute within SUNY to lead gun violence research efforts statewide (Ch. 595 of 2021)



Creates the Gun Violence Research Fund and allows taxpayers to contribute to gun violence research (Ch. 589 of 2021)



### **Congratulations to Former Assemblywoman Barbara Lifton**

Finally, I want to congratulate my predecessor, Assemblywoman Barbara Lifton, who was recently honored by Environmental Advocates NY in recognition of her work on Environmental issues over the course of her 18 years of service in the NYS Assembly, most significantly for leading the fight to ban High Volume Hydrofracking in New York. It is an honor to continue the history of environmental stewardship here in the 125th district!

In good health,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anna Kelles".

Anna Kelles, Ph.D.

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