



August 3, 2022

Greetings –

On July 28th, the Assembly Committees on Corporations; Energy; and Environmental Conservation held a hearing on the Build Public Renewables Act, A.1466-D (BPR). I am the prime sponsor of this legislation, which would empower the New York Power Authority (NYPA), the largest public power authority in the country, to play a much more robust role in the State’s transition to renewable energy. Over fifty witnesses testified and the hearing ran for more than ten hours. Most witnesses were in favor of the bill citing its potential benefits for the environment, ratepayers, economic development, as well as its strong labor provisions. A notable exception was Justin Driscoll, the Interim President and Chief Operating Officer of NYPA. Rather than offer concrete suggestions on how the bill might be improved, he vaguely referred to “unworkable” mandates and dodged my questions about why NYPA could not build more renewable energy projects if it was given authority to do so. [Here is a portion of my exchange with Mr. Driscoll:](#)



Mr. Driscoll's testimony was disqualifying and his nomination should be rejected by the State Senate. The leadership of NYPA should enthusiastically embrace expanding NYPA's ability to build renewable energy projects. New York is not on pace to meet the renewable energy goals of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act. The passage of the BPR will create a pathway for New York to meet its renewable energy goals and be a model for the rest of the country.

If you would still like to submit testimony regarding the BPR for the public record you can email it to Matthew Henning, Policy Analyst, Assembly Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions by Thursday, August 11 at henningm@nyassembly.gov.

My Dyslexia Task Force and New Op-Ed

I am proud that my bill, [A.2185-B](#), establishing a Statewide task force to examine appropriate and effective evidence-based screening, intervention, and support for students with and at risk of dyslexia and dysgraphia passed the Assembly and State Senate this session. Please join me in

[calling on Governor Hochul](#) to sign the bill into law. The task force will establish clear statewide standards for dyslexia education and is a titanic step forward for literacy in New York State. I recently published an op-ed with Jamie Williamson, head of the Windward School, on how the New York City DOE can reform its literacy curriculum and screen for dyslexia. [Read it here.](#)

Twenty-Four Hour Speed Cameras Are In Effect

Earlier this week twenty-four hour speed cameras in New York City went into effect. Since 2014, the State Legislature has implemented and expanded New York City's speed camera program in school zones, including this week's 24/7 expansion. Currently, there are cameras in 750 school zones (I have advocated for more), and data has shown that they have dramatically reduced speeding. The evidence is clear that reducing speeding saves lives and I am proud to have cosponsored this legislation.

State of Emergency - Monkey Pox Outbreak

On July 29th Governor Hochul declared a State of Emergency in response to the ongoing monkeypox outbreak. This was followed the next day by Mayor Adams declaring a public health emergency in New York City. These actions should enable the State and City government to respond to monkeypox in a more rapid and coordinated fashion. The State has established a webpage dedicated to monkeypox, which you can find [here](#). The city also has a dedicated webpage [here](#).

As of August 1, 2022, New York City reported [1,472 total cases of monkeypox](#) out of [5,189 monkeypox cases](#) in the United States. The federal Department of Health and Human Services announced that 1.1 million doses of the monkeypox vaccine will be distributed nationwide, unfortunately New York State is only slated to receive [110,000 doses](#), or just 10% of the total. My colleagues in the Assembly and I have written to the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the head of the Center for Disease Control calling on them to supply New York with vaccines commensurate with the severity of the outbreak.

The Invasive Spotted Lanternfly

A number of constituents have recently reached out about infestations of the Spotted Lanternfly in Park Slope. The Spotted Lanternfly is an invasive pest from Asia that prefers to feed on tree-of-heaven, an invasive tree species, but will also feed on -and harm - important New York State crops and plants. Grapes, hops, fruit trees, maples, and walnuts are all at risk. The State Department of Agriculture is seeking the public's help in controlling this pest. If you believe you have seen the Spotted Lanternfly please send a photo and the location to spottedlanternfy@agriculture.ny.gov and copy me at carrollr@nyassembly.gov.

No-Cost Mammograms 8/12 – Reservations Required

I am hosting the American-Italian Cancer Foundation's Mammogram Bus at my district office on Friday, August 12th. Reservations are required by calling 1-877-628-9090. See full details on the flyer below:



EARLY DETECTION OF BREAST CANCER SAVES LIVES!



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- Woman age 40 - 79
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- No Mammogram in the past 12 months

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Hosted by:

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Friday, August 12, 2022

9:00am - 4:30pm



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If you have questions or concerns about any community or legislative matter please email carrollr@nyassembly.gov or call (718) 788-7221.

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