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Dear Neighbor:

This past year has been an incredibly trying and frightening period for many on the West Side and across the state. New Yorkers are trying to do more with less; everyday costs are skyrocketing while wages remain stagnant, forcing people to go without medical care or food in order to make the rent, afford child care or pay off mounting credit card and student debt.

People are also fearful for the future of our 250-year-old democracy. Many of our neighbors were deeply impacted by the passage of the "One Big Beautiful Bill," legislation that stripped people of critical food and healthcare benefits. We have watched Americans be shot and killed in the streets for exercising their constitutional rights, seen immigrants be kidnapped from their families, experienced an alarming increase in antisemitism and other hate crimes, witnessed the weakening of our public health system and more.

I know that much in the world and at home feels tenuous. However, together, we must keep the twin flames of hope and activism alive. As your state elected official, I will continue to forcefully speak out and respond to any and all attacks on our democratic freedoms, while simultaneously working in Albany to pass legislation that gives struggling New Yorkers a voice and much-needed seat at the table.

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I gave remarks at the opening of the Tang Wing for American Democracy at The New York Historical in June. The wing, which houses the very bible on which George Washington took his first oath of office, holds a vast collection of objects and artwork reflecting our country's rich and complex history.

Standing Up for New Yorkers

State legislatures must firmly fight back against the many dangerous policies being peddled at the federal level. New York is no different. Below is a snapshot of some of my efforts to protect New Yorkers and our democracy.

Protecting Immigrants

As the daughter and granddaughter of Jewish immigrants who fled Nazi Germany, I am appalled by the indiscriminate detainment of immigrants by ICE agents. This is why I have taken action: I made a surprise visit to 26 Federal Plaza with the New Sanctuary Coalition to observe court proceedings; held numerous Know Your Rights workshops and visibility events on the West Side; introduced legislation that would prohibit bail bond agents from engaging in immigration proceedings (A.8977); and ardently championed New York for All (A.3506), legislation that prohibits the use of state and local resources for federal immigration matters.

As part of this year's 2026-2027 budget, I voted in favor of a provision that bars local cooperation with federal immigration agents by banning 287(g) agreements and requiring jails to terminate existing contracts with ICE within 180 days. The final budget also prohibits local jails from being used to detain immigrants, designates hospitals, churches, child care centers, schools and polling places as sensitive locations, unmasks ICE agents and creates a right of action for New Yorkers who want to sue ICE over civil rights violations.

Saving Preventive Health Screenings

The U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services is refusing to let the federal U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, a committee comprised of experts who provide medical professionals with guidelines for when people should receive certain cancer, mental health and other critical preventive screenings, hold meetings. As such, the task force is not able to present new medical research or update its guidelines.[1] I introduced legislation (A.9078) to replicate this task force at the state level to ensure New Yorkers continue to have the most up-to-date recommendations for critical screenings.

Preserving Vaccine Access

The Trump Administration is rejecting years of successful science-based practice by changing the country's vaccination standards. That is why I was proud to vote for a new law that empowers New York to set its own vaccination guidelines (A.10710, Chapter 114 of 2026). I also introduced and passed legislation that extends certain protections to pharmacists who administer vaccines based on state-level guidance (A. 9140).

Protecting Vulnerable Youth

The federal government has drawn a target on the backs of the LGBTQIA+ community, especially those who are transgender, causing fear and anguish. New York State is rightly viewed as a safe haven, and in the state budget, I pushed for continued funding for runaway and homeless youth programs that serve predominantly LGBTQIA+ people. We must protect this vulnerable population by providing them with shelter and resources they need to be safe.

Fighting Back Against Citizens United

States across the country have begun introducing campaign finance reform legislation that would immediately go into effect if the Supreme Court overturns Citizens United. A similar, long-view approach was taken by those who wanted to restrict abortion and overturn Roe v. Wade. As such, working with the Brennan Center, I have introduced legislation (A.11638) that would limit contributions by people other than political parties in excess of $25,000 annually, bar corporate entities from making campaign contributions and prohibit campaign contributions to political committees in excess of $2,500 annually.

Election Security

The Trump Administration has revoked critical funding for state and local election security programs.[2] He has called for the nationalization of elections,[3] has intimidated poll workers and has said he regrets not seizing Georgia's voting machines.[4] I held an Election Security Webinar with experts to educate and connect New Yorkers to resources and opportunities to protect the integrity of our elections in the state and throughout the country. I also introduced legislation to protect poll workers by making it a crime to interfere with the duties of an election worker, as well as allowing poll workers to participate in an address protection program (A.10221).

[1] https://www.nytimes.com/2026/01/09/well/rfk-jr-uspstf-task-force.html.

[2] https://www.politico.com/news/2025/03/31/trump-admin-cut-election-security-funds-00258787

[3] https://www.npr.org/2026/02/07/nx-s1-5704400/what-does-it-mean-when-the-president-calls-to-nationalize-the-voting

[4] https://www.nytimes.com/2026/01/11/us/trump-voting-machines-2020-election.html



I am always glad to support my youngest constituents, whether that's by buying boxes of Samoas from our local Girl Scout Troop 3209 during cookie season or hosting school field trips in Albany. It is critical that young students have an opportunity to learn about civics, meet elected officials and understand how government works.

Top: West Side Girl Scout troop. Bottom: Students from the Upper West Side's Heschel School on a trip to the state capitol.



Legislative Victories and Priorities

Combating Gun Violence and Domestic Abuse

Studies have repeatedly shown that people who harm animals often go on to physically harm people. Under my new law (A.6556), New York State courts are now required to consider previous animal cruelty convictions when determining whether to temporarily restrict a person's access to firearms. This process, known as a temporary extreme risk protection order, allows courts to intervene when a person is deemed to be a danger to themselves or others.

Banning the Manufacture of 3D Printed Guns in New York State

I am proud that my bill banning the manufacture of ghost guns and the unlawful possession, sale or distribution of 3D gun blueprints was included in the 2026-2027 state budget. This measure builds on the law I previously passed (A.1777) prohibiting the possession of ghost guns.

Child Care

I have introduced legislation (A.11613) that would regulate the role of private equity in child care companies. The legislation would require those care providers to increase financial transparency, and it establishes certain restrictions on their use of public funds. As we work to expand universal 2K and 3K, we must ensure affordability by holding private equity companies accountable for how they spend our tax dollars.

Diaper Labeling Law Goes Into Effect

I am proud to have passed first-in-the-nation legislation requiring ingredient labeling on all diaper packages sold in New York State. The bill (A.43-C of 2024) was signed into law by the Governor, and went into effect in December 2025. Federal law does not require manufacturers to disclose the ingredients used in diapers, and unsurprisingly, researchers have identified dozens of potentially harmful chemicals in both children's diapers and adult garments. My law empowers consumers to make the right choice for themselves and their families.

Hair Preservation Treatments During Chemotherapy

Earlier this year, my first-in-the-nation legislation requiring health insurance companies to cover the cost of scalp cooling, a hair preservation treatment used by cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy, went into effect (A.430). Without insurance coverage, scalp cooling treatments can cost patients thousands of dollars. This law will eliminate the cost of scalp cooling for countless New Yorkers, and ensure that people living with cancer are provided the dignity and privacy they so deserve as they navigate their illness.

Banning Algorithmic Rent Gouging

I recently passed legislation banning landlords from sharing and using price-coordinating software to artificially raise rents (A.1417). In 2024, the U.S. Department of Justice filed a lawsuit against RealPage, a real estate software company, for facilitating a rental price fixing scheme among landlords. According to the Council of Economic Advisers, coordinated rent fixing cost renters an extra $3.8 billion in 2023, alone. The law went into effect in December 2025. Building on those efforts, I have since introduced legislation (A.11490) that would prohibit the use of surveillance pricing in the sale or rental of any residential dwelling in New York.

Expanding the Housing Access Voucher Program

Last year, my legislation creating the Housing Access Voucher Program (HAVP) (A.1704) was included in the state budget. HAVP, which is modeled on the federal Section 8 program, is a statewide voucher program available to housing insecure or homeless New Yorkers. With the Trump Administration refusing to renew thousands of federal Emergency Housing Vouchers and slashing up to half the workforce at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the success of HAVP is more important than ever.



As Chair of the Assembly Committee on Housing, I fought for funding in this year's state budget to address longstanding mold issues in NYCHA developments, as well as other critical capital needs. I was proud to join tenants at NYCHA's Harborview Terrace, including Tenant Association President Maria Guzman and Vice President Leroy Williams, for lunch at the development's senior center to discuss those wins and priorities for next session.



I secured $25,000 in state operational funding for programming and services for The Blue Card, which provides assistance to Holocaust survivors. I am working with The Blue Card to introduce Holocaust education programming to schools; a hologram of a real survivor named Sonia answers students' questions about life in Nazi Germany and survival in a concentration camp.

Housing Progress

As Chair of the Assembly Committee on Housing, I was proud to push successfully for the inclusion of legislation in the 2026-2027 state budget that will raise the income level eligibility limit for the Senior Citizen and Disability Rent Increase Exemptions, as well as the Senior Citizen and Disability Homeowner Exemptions. These programs freeze the rent for seniors and people with disabilities who live in rent-control and rent-stabilized apartments, those living in Mitchell-Lama and HDFC rentals and owners of certain homes, condos and coop units. We raised the income limit from $50,000 to $75,000.

As part of the state budget, we also updated the State Environmental Quality Review Act, which will reduce the length of time it takes to build housing. This, coupled with other zoning-related provisions that the Legislature has passed over the last several years, will help to accelerate the pace by which localities build housing.



I stood with representatives of the Michael J. Fox Foundation and the Environmental Working Group as well as affected families at a press conference in Albany calling for passage of my bill (A.10074) banning the distribution, sale and use of paraquat, an herbicide linked to Parkinson's Disease. It is banned in 70 countries, including China where it is manufactured.



Every New Yorker, including the many nurses who care for our city, deserves a living wage and good healthcare benefits. I joined the picket line in support of members of the New York State Nurses Association who were fighting for a fair contract at hospitals around the city.



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Throughout negotiations on this year's state budget, I was proud to stand with advocates to fight attempts to weaken New York's Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act. At a time when the federal government is actively worsening our climate crisis, we must lead by example to cut New York's greenhouse gas emissions, diversify our energy supply and phase out the use of fossil fuels.

