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Dear Neighbor,

The Assembly closed out this month having passed legislation that will help to protect all New Yorkers. I am excited to keep this momentum going as we move into March!

See you around the district,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harvey Epstein".

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Passage of the Equal Rights Amendment

This week, we passed the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA), which would guarantee equal rights for women in New York State (A.271, Seawright). While the constitution provides equal rights on the basis race, color, creed and religion, it does not include protections on the basis of sex. In order to become law, in addition to passing the State Senate, the ERA would also have to be approved by the people of New York State in an election.

Assembly Passes Legislation Criminalizing Revenge Porn

This bill would criminalize the unlawful dissemination or publishing of intimate images without the subjects' consent, and with the intent to cause emotional, financial or physical harm to another person. The legislation would also create a private right of action for victims to pursue damages and injunctive relief against the individual and ask a judge to order websites to remove the images. This right of action would work in

conjunction with the criminal law, but would not require a conviction or charge in order to proceed. Under the new legislation, victims of revenge porn would have the choice to pursue a criminal case, a civil case or both.

New York Health Act (A. 4738/S. 4840)

Healthcare -- We pay more for it and get worse results than every other industrialized country.

Right now I'm sponsoring the New York Health Act, which will provide universal, single-payer health care for all New Yorkers while saving billions of our dollars spent on healthcare. It would mean no more insurance premiums, deductibles, copays, out-of-pocket costs. We will have coverage for doctor visits, hospital visits, prescriptions, eye care, dental care, hearing aides, long-term care. And for 98% of us, we will pay less than we now pay.

I want it to pass. I'm working on it. But we in Albany need to know that you want it.

Progressive Action of Lower Manhattan is organizing lobbying visits to the local offices of Albany elected officials. Contact Penny Mintz at penny.mintz@gmail.com to join one of these lobbying efforts or contact Campaign for New York Health at <https://www.nyhcampaign.org/contact>

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