



Rebecca Seawright

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

January 22nd 2022 will mark the 49th Anniversary of the Supreme Court decision on the case Roe v. Wade. The landmark decision of the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the Constitution of the United States protects a pregnant woman's liberty to choose to have an abortion. I will continue to fight for the protection of women's reproductive rights.

This week in Albany I voted to pass legislation that would extend current law allowing all New York voters to be eligible to cast their vote by absentee ballot in primary, special and general elections until Dec. 31, 2022. I am committed to protecting voting access for all New Yorkers.

Additionally, I am proud to support legislation introduced this week to help individuals with disabilities find jobs here in New York State. Only a third of people with disabilities are employed. This bill package is looking to change the statistics and open up job opportunities for those with disabilities.

This week on Thursday, at my District Office we held another PPE giveaway

supplying our community with free at home COVID tests, KN95 masks, and hand sanitizer. Please stop by my office if you are in need of PPE on Thursday between 12pm and 2pm.

Please join us for one of the events we are pleased to sponsor:

- Thursday, January 27 from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm at the District Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets) No-Cost Test Kit and Face Covering Giveaway. <u>RSVP here.</u>
- Thursday, January 27 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Zoom Virtual Knitting Social. <u>RSVP here.</u>
- Tuesday, February 1 from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm No-Cost Housing Legal Clinic. RSVP by calling 212-288-4607.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to our community office if we can be of assistance.

Phone: 212.288.4607 *Email*: SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov

Sincerely,

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Seawright Distributed Over 300 Testing Kits At Thursday Giveaway At District Office



At this week's PPE Giveaway our office handed out over 300 at-home testing kits and KN95 masks. In January alone our office has given away more than 750 test kits and 1,500 masks to our community.











12:00PM-2:00PM

COMMUNITY OFFICE 1485 YORK AVENUE (78/79 STREETS)

212-288-4607

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RSVP Here

Seawright Cosponsored Legislation Passed By Assembly Extending Absentee Voting For All New Yorkers In 2022

THE ASSEMBLY MAJORITY



is committed to protecting voting access to ensure no New Yorker has to risk their health to make their voice heard.

"Free and fair elections are the cornerstone of our democracy, and it's critical that we take steps to make the voting process as easy and accessible as possible. As we continue to combat the COVID-19 pandemic, this also means safeguarding the health and safety of voters," **said Assembly Member Seawright.** "No one should be forced to put their health in jeopardy to exercise their right to vote. That's why I helped pass legislation that would extend current law allowing all New York voters to be eligible to cast their vote by absentee ballot in primary, special and general elections until Dec. 31, 2022 (A.8432-A).

"While the opposition has fallen hook, line and sinker for the previous president's 'Big Lie' and attacked the phantoms of voter fraud in their heads, the Assembly Majority knows that absentee voting is safe, secure and reliable. The reality is 26 states and Washington, D.C. have no-excuse or universal absentee voting and eight states even conduct elections entirely by mail. Across the country, the rate of fraud is astronomically low. In fact, the Brennan Center for Justice found that the average American is more likely to be struck by lightning than to commit absentee voter fraud. It's also worth remembering that thousands of service members stationed overseas have been voting by mail for years without jeopardizing election integrity.

"While those on the other side of the aisle are seeking to roll back voting rights on a national scale, the Assembly Majority remains committed to taking action to make it easier – not harder – for voters to make their voices heard."

Seawright Cosponsored Bill Passes Assembly Expanding NY Rape Statute Empowers Survivors Of Rape to Seek Justice

The Assembly Majority passed legislation to expand New York's rape statutes and help more survivors seek justice.

"Roughly 1 in 6 women and 1 in 33 men in America have been victims of rape or attempted rape in their lifetime. Yet only 25 out of every 1,000 perpetrators will end up in prison. We must work to put a criminal justice system in place that empowers survivors of sexual assault and allows them to hold abusers accountable for the heinous crimes they've committed," **said Assembly Member Seawright**. "The Assembly Majority is committed to this goal and once again passed the 'rape is rape' bill that expands New York's rape statutes and helps survivors in their fight for justice and journey to healing (A.6319-A).

"The bill I helped pass removes the penetration requirement from the state's rape statutes as well as expands the definition of rape to include oral and anal sexual conduct crimes. Under current law, oral and anal sexual conduct are referred to as 'criminal sexual acts' and are not recognized as rape. Failing to call out these disgusting crimes for what they are has both legal and emotional consequences for survivors and can not only invalidate but add to the trauma they've endured.

"Today, we took a step forward in righting this terrible wrong and helping more individuals seek the justice they deserve. I'll always do everything I can to ensure our state is a place where victims are heard, believed and supported."

Assembly Member Seawright Co-Sponsors Bill Package to Fight for Jobs for People with Disabilities

This week in Albany, Assembly Members Tom Abinanti, Chris Burdick, Harvey Epstein, and Angelo Santabarbara held a press conference to introduce a package of bills that Assembly Member Seawright is proud co-sponsor. Designed to improve employment opportunities for people with disabilities, The Assembly Committee for People with Disabilities is a new committee created within the last year that carries a new approach prioritizing people with disabilities. Only about a third of people with disabilities are employed. The committee for people with disabilities is looking to change the statistics by opening up job opportunitiess. Senator Mannion spoke about the new package of bills, highlighting his experience with his autistic son and the incredible work he is doing. Their goal of the committee is to support those with disabilities with new legislation and a new mindset.

Welcome New Seawright Capitol Intern Genevieve Bombard!



Genevieve Bombard, often referred to as Evie, is a junior at the University at Albany. Evie was raised and educated in Schodack, New York and is actively pursuing a career in politics. She is working torwards a degree as a double major in Political Science and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality studies with a concentration in Equality and Inequality.

Evie has past legislative experience working with the Center for Law and Policy at Rockefeller College and prior office experience working at the Town Hall in Schodack, New York. She has also participated in a teaching program for an Introduction to Feminism course at the University.

Evie is currently interning at Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright's Albany Office and

is enthusiastic about learning more about how Assembly Member Seawright serves the people of the 76th District.



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Rebecca Seawright ASSEMBLYMEMBER

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Rapid Testing Sites

St. Catherine's Park (Rapid antigen testing only) Intersection of 68th Street & 1st Avenue New York, NY 10065 Dates: January 17-23 Monday - Sunday, 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM Testing site is currently only testing people 2 years and older.

Manhattan Health + Hospitals Sites

Ongoing sites- Metropolitan Hospital, 1901 First Avenue, New York, NY 10029 Monday- Saturday, 9am- 3:30pm 212-423-6262

Northwell Health-GoHealth Urgent Care 1555 First Avenue 8am-8pm 212-897-1995 **Total Health & Wellness Medical Center** 1632 1st Avenue 917-634-6063

CityMD Urgent Care- East 86th 336 East 86th Street 212-933-1364

Non-rapid Testing

CityMD Urgent Care-East 79 Street 1143 Lexington Avenue 8am-8pm 646-350-4815

Lenox Hill Hospital 100 East 77 Street 212-434-2000

For more information: <u>https://www1.nyc.gov/site/coronavirus/get-tested/covid-19-testing.page</u>

Vaccines and booster shots:

NYC COVID-19 and Flu Vaccine Finder: Call 877-829-4692 or schedule here

City-run vaccine sites: Call 877-829-4692 or schedule here

State-run vaccine sites: Call 833-697-4829 or schedule here

CVS Pharmacy: Call 800-746-7287 or schedule here

Rite Aid Pharmacy: Call 800-748-3243 or schedule here

Walgreens Pharmacy: Call 800-925-4733 or schedule here

Testing is available to all New Yorkers statewide, *find a test site near you*.

Excelsior Pass provides a free, fast and secure way to present <u>digital proof of COVID-19</u> <u>vaccination or negative test results.</u>

In-home COVID-19 vaccinations

NYC also offers in-home COVID-19 vaccinations to any city resident who requests one. Schedule your appointment today for your in-home vaccination by filling out this form: http://nyc.gov/homevaccine.

COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card or need verification

If you are fully vaccinated but lost your COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card or need verification of your vaccine status, you can request a copy of your COVID-19 vaccination record. Go here for more information: https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/services/cir-parents-guardians.page

To schedule free transport by either ambulette or taxi (including wheelchair accessible vehicles), call 877-VAX-4NYC (877-829-4692). This services is available for everyone but if you are younger than 18, you must have your parent or guardian call to book the trip on your behalf.

New Yorkers can now order at-home COVID-19 tests online for free.

New Yorkers can now order free COVID-19 tests online from the comfort and safety of their home by visiting <u>www.COVIDTests.gov</u>.

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