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In good health,

A dark blue rectangular graphic with a teal border. On the left, a teal arrow points right with the text 'NEW BILL!' in white. To the right of the arrow, the title 'Cryptomining Moratorium' is written in large, bold, yellow font. Below the title is a white checkmark icon in a square, followed by the text 'Assembly Bill A07389' in bold yellow font. Underneath that, a white text block reads: 'Establishes a moratorium on operating cryptocurrency mining facilities in New York State and requires a statewide environmental review to assess the impact on state climate law in the context of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA)'. In the bottom right corner is the logo for Anna Kelles, featuring the name 'ANNA KELLES' in white and teal, with 'Assemblymember for the 125th' and a small yellow map of New York State below it.

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Safe Staffing Legislation (A108B & A7119)

The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted just how important nurses and other direct care workers are to our community. They put their health at risk in a time when much was unknown about COVID-19, updated us over cell phones, set up Zoom calls to connect us with our loved ones, and often were the ones holding their hands when we couldn't be in the room. I was proud to vote to pass legislation to address understaffing in our hospitals and nursing homes and sets safe staffing standards across New York to improve patient care and provide greater support for health care workers. [Read more here.](#)

Eviction and Foreclosure Moratorium Extension (A7127, A7175)

This past year, COVID-19 uprooted our entire lives as many New Yorkers lost their primary source of income and small businesses lost steady revenue streams. That is why we passed an eviction and foreclosure moratorium through May 1, 2021 for tenants, homeowners, small landlords, and small businesses experiencing financial hardship. As we open and recover from the challenges of the past year, we need to extend this moratorium through Aug. 31, 2021, as we get money into the hands of landlords and businesses to make them whole and to pay for back rent, utilities, and mortgages.

\$100 million Landlord Fund (A7280)

I was proud to pass a state budget that provides billions in combined state funds for tenants and landlords, as well as money for landlords who are not eligible for federal aid. In addition, there is funding for homeowners who have faced significant hardships. We also understand that COVID-19 has impacted small landlords especially hard. I was proud to vote this week on a bill that will make sure small landlords get the relief they need and deserve.



The Assembly Majority extended eviction and foreclosure protections for tenants, homeowners, small businesses and landlords to August 31, 2021.

(A.7127, A.7175)

The Assembly Majority just passed legislation to ensure **landlords qualify for \$100 million** in funding to help pay for back rent.

(A.7280)



Wishing a very happy Mother's Day to all of the mothers and caregivers. Thank you for your tireless work to care for children and families here in our community.

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