



Assemblymember  
**Ellen Jaffee**  
 Assembly District 97

Dear Friends,



*Thank you for electing me to serve another term as your Assemblymember and for your recognition of my efforts to respond to the challenges we face. We will soon be heading into a new year and a new legislative session. Among my top priorities when I return to Albany are funding education and ensuring all children, from Pre-K through college, get the quality education they deserve. I am truly grateful for the confidence you have placed in me. Working together we can continue to make a difference.*

**Best wishes for a happy, healthy and fruitful 2017!**

~Ellen~

**Presenting 2017 State Aid Proposal**

I hosted Rockland School District superintendents in my Assembly District and NYS Regent, Judith Johnson, for her presentation of the 2017 Regents Proposal on State Aid as well as a follow-up discussion.



**Bill Lets School Districts Decide Best Tax Collection Method**

I am [extremely disappointed](#) that the Governor vetoed my bill [A.6823](#), which would result in more efficient, transparent tax collection and provide a direct savings to taxpayers, who have a right to know where their tax dollars are going. I will re-introduce this legislation in 2017.

**Funding Tales for Tots**



As a strong supporter of high-quality child care, it was a pleasure to visit Children’s Corner Learning Center in Pearl River, where I read *Llama Llama, Time to Share* to the Pre-K children. The book was one of 400 purchased with \$2000 in state funding I secured for the Tales for Tots program that is administered by [Child Care Resources of Rockland](#).

**New Law Will Increase Access to Early Intervention Programs**

Early intervention providers and programs offer therapeutic services to address developmental delays and disabilities at a critical time in the lives of infants and young children. My bill [A09889](#), recently signed into law, adds 3 representatives to the Early Intervention Coordinating Council, which will open public dialogue between managed care plans, early intervention providers and the Department of Health, with the goal of ensuring that families have greater access to the services they need.

**Workforce Training Programs for Women**

Workforce training programs provide women job seekers with information and services that will help increase their earnings by encouraging them to seek higher- paying jobs and careers traditionally reserved for men. Legislation [A09755](#) I sponsored, now law, will further this important goal and ensure transparency and accountability in the implementation of workforce training programs.

**New Law Creates Statewide Breast Density Education Program**

New York’s Breast Density Inform Law I sponsored and that went into effect in 2013 was a vital first step in educating women and their health care providers about dense breast tissue, which can hide cancers on a mammogram and may increase a woman’s risk of developing breast cancer. [The new law I authored, A5510](#), establishes a statewide [Breast Density](#) Education Program to provide detailed information, including the meaning and potential health consequences of dense breast tissue, the impact of dense breast tissue on mammographic screening for breast cancer, supplemental screening techniques, as well as information on how to access educational websites and resources.



**Oversight Monitors Will Enforce Building Codes in Ramapo**

The [NY Department of State will place an oversight](#) officer in the Town of Ramapo and the Village of Spring Valley to ensure that local officials are properly enforcing building codes. Reporting violations in real time and enforcing penalties will ensure the safety of our residents. Along with Senator Carlucci and Assemblymember Zebrowski, I have also sponsored legislation that would establish a crime of

reckless endangerment of a first responder for anyone who illegally alters a building and creates a condition that causes injury or death to a first responder.

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