



Senate Must Expand Speed Camera Program; Take Dangers Drive off Road Legislation; Another Clean Energy Bill Passes

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Greetings –

The 2018 legislative session concluded late Wednesday night without the Senate bringing legislation to the floor that would renew or expand speed cameras around NYC Schools. Currently, the program will end on July 25th if the State Senate does not pass one of the multiple bills the State Assembly passed to either expand or just simply renew the speed camera program. It's deeply frustrating that the Senate refused to vote on this crucial life-saving legislation and in the coming weeks, I will continue to work with my colleagues in the Assembly to urge the Senate to go back to Albany and finish the job.

My BILL to take Dangerous Drivers off the Road Passes Assembly & Senate:

While I am disappointed that the Senate failed to act on speed camera legislation, I am proud that both houses of the legislature passed one of my bills to make our streets safer. My bill, [A11121](#), authorizes the commissioner of the DMV to require examination of any person involved in an accident caused by a loss of consciousness or awareness. The bill also directs the DMV to undertake a review of their existing medical review program regarding reexamination of drivers who may suffer from a chronic, ongoing condition that may cause loss of consciousness, loss of awareness, or loss of body control.



This bill will give the commissioner the authority to compel a person who lost consciousness while operating a motor vehicle and caused either monetary damage of \$1000 or more, serious injury or death to a passenger, pedestrian, bicyclist or other motorist, to submit to a reexamination of their fitness to drive a motor vehicle.

Had this legislation been in place prior to the tragic crash in Park Slope last March that took the lives of 2 young children, the driver's license may have been suspended and she may not have been behind the wheel that day.

Another Clean Energy Bill Passes Assembly & Senate:

Also this week, my bill, [A10410](#), passed both the Assembly and Senate. [A10410](#) provides a property tax abatement to individuals who purchase and install electric energy storage equipment. This will allow expenditures related to running electric energy storage systems to be more affordable. This is especially important now because as we try to reach New York State's goal of 50% renewable energy by 2030, and in the early phase of local electric energy storage market development, a temporary property tax abatement to defray upfront costs for adopters would help catalyze electric energy storage deployment in New York City. As you may know, last week the Assembly and Senate passed another of my bills, [A10150](#), which extends an existing incentive program to encourage the installation of solar panels in New York City.

See my remarks on the Assembly floor about [A10410](#) below:



MTA Capital Program Bill:

Passing the Assembly this week, but failing to get a vote in the Senate was my bill, [A11094](#), which would change the deadline for the MTA to submit its capital program plans to the Capital Program Review Board (CPRB) from October 2019 to January 2019. This 9 month difference may seem insignificant, but it's important because it would mean that starting with the upcoming 2020-2024 capital plan that the MTA will submit its capital plan during the legislative session, thereby allowing for a longer period for the public to voice concerns and will allow the legislature to have more constructive input into the MTA's five-year capital plans before the Legislature passes its budget.

Statement on the President's Family Separation Policy:

[Despite the President's recent Executive Order](#), over 3,000 children are currently being held by the United States Government with no plans to reunify them with their families. The President's policy of separating children from their parents was abhorrent. The new policy of detaining children with their parents indefinitely is also cruel and counter to common decency. Having ICE and Border Control carry out this administration's inhumane "zero tolerance" policy is turning our federal government into a force of terror on our southern border and it needs to stop now. This is an immoral policy based on hate, fear and lies.

Last Wednesday I joined Assembly and Senate colleagues in Albany to rally against the policy and to say that we must #EndItNow. Additionally, we sent a letter to Attorney General Jeff Sessions and Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen demanding an immediate stop to the policy of separating children from their parents.

Families Belong Together Rally & March:

On June 30th in Foley Square there will be a [“Families Belong Together”](#) rally and march to oppose this policy. New Yorkers will join together with dozens of other cities in a National Day of Action to Fight for Families and to demand that Donald Trump and his administration stop separating kids from their parents! Families belong together, and we need to end this — NOW! To join the NYC organizing efforts for this action, please contact Carlene Pinto at cpinto@nyc.org. [Click here for more details on the event.](#)

If you are looking to support organizations fighting for the rights of immigrants, please check out the following:

RAICES

<https://www.raicetexas.org/>

Texas Civil Rights Project

<https://texascivilrightsproject.org/>

The Florence Immigrant & Refugee Rights Project

<https://firrp.org/getinvolved/volunteer/>

Community Meetings in the Week Ahead:

Community Board 12 Monthly Meeting

Amico Senior Citizens Center

5901 13th Ave, 3rd Floor

Monday, June 25 (NOTE: Meeting is on a Monday night this month at an earlier time than usual.)

6pm

Open to community members. The CB 12 board meeting is typically scheduled on the 4th Tuesday of the month.

78th Precinct Community Council

78th Precinct

65 6th Avenue

Tuesday, June 26

7:30pm

Open to community members. The [78th Precinct Community Council](#) meetings typically take place on the last Tuesday of each month.

70th Precinct Community Council

PS 249 The Caton School

18 Marlborough Road

Wednesday, June 27

7:30pm

Open to community members. The [70th Precinct Community Council](#) meetings typically take place on the last Wednesday of each month.

See you around the neighborhood,

Bobby

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