



**July 27, 2018**

**Greetings –**

The 2018 legislative session concluded last month without the Senate bringing resolution to many important issues, including needed legislation that would renew or expand speed cameras around NYC Schools. I am the co-sponsor on the bill that passed the Assembly that would extend and expand this life saving program, but the State Senate has failed to bring it to the floor for a vote. Due to their actions, all speed cameras were turned off on July 25<sup>th</sup>. The State Senate is playing politics with our children's lives and it is unacceptable. I joined Transportation Alternatives, Families for Safe Streets and other colleagues in government this week to call on the State Senate to come back to Albany and pass the bill.



Unfortunately, the speed camera bill is far from the only piece of legislation that the Assembly passed and the Senate failed to bring to the floor. Here is an abbreviated list of a number of other important pieces of legislation that passed the Assembly, but did not pass the Senate:

#### Reproductive Health Act and Comprehensive Contraception Coverage Act:

RHA ([A.1748](#)) would update state law with protections recognized by the courts under the NYS Constitution and US Constitution, acknowledging that pregnancy termination is a lawful procedure and eliminating undue burdens on women seeking to exercise the right to make reproductive decisions. The CCCA ([A.1378](#)) would codify the requirement under the Affordable Care Act that all health insurers provide cost-free contraceptive coverage as a part of their insurance policies.

#### New York State Climate and Community Protection Act:

CCPA ([A.8270](#)) would establish the New York State Climate Action Council and require the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to report, regulate and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. It would also establish a Climate Justice Working Group to identify disadvantaged communities for the purposes of co-pollutant and greenhouse gas emissions reductions and the allocation of certain investments.

#### New York Health Act:

NYHA ([A.4738-A](#)) would establish a universal single payer health plan that would provide comprehensive health coverage for all New Yorkers regardless of age, income, wealth or employment.

#### The New York State DREAM Act:

The DREAM Act ([A.09605-A](#)) would give education aid to immigrant children who know of no other home than this country by creating the New York DREAM fund commission and amend eligibility requirements and conditions governing certain awards.

#### Gender Expression Non-Discrimination Act (GENDA):

GENDA ([A.3358](#)) would prohibit discrimination on the basis of gender identity or expression in considerations of employment, education and in consumer credit and housing. The bill would also add offenses motivated by gender identity or expression to the hate crimes statute.

#### Child Victims Act:

This legislation, ([A.5885-A](#)), would bring justice to victims of childhood sexual abuse by extending statutes of limitation for criminal and civil cases, and allowing victims to seek legal recourse as adults.

#### No Fault Absentee Voting:

This bill ([A.7623](#)) would amend the State Constitution to allow no excuse absentee voting and authorize ballot by mail by removing cause for absentee ballot voting.

#### Early Voting:

This bill ([A.9608-B](#)) would join NY with 37 other states by establishing a seven-day early voting period for registered New York voters to vote in person prior to any primary, special or general election day.

#### The Voter Enfranchisement Modernization Act:

This bill ([A.5382-A](#)) would modernize and streamline voter registration by establishing an online voter registration process.

#### Eliminate LLC Loophole:

This bill ([A.9758](#)) would restrict LLC campaign contributions to the same \$5,000 contribution limit that exists for corporations, eliminating the current loophole that allows contributions by the same individual through separate LLCs. The bill would also require the disclosure of all direct and indirect owners of the LLC and that all contributions by an LLC be attributed to each member in proportion to each member's ownership interests.

#### Gun Safety Legislation:

The Assembly passed a comprehensive gun safety legislation package included a ban on bump stocks in NYS ([A.9958](#)), The Domestic Violence Escalation Prevention Act ([A.5025](#)), which would prevent domestic violence abusers from having access to weapons by prohibiting an individual who has been convicted of a domestic violence crime from purchasing or possessing a firearm, and a bill ([A.8976-B](#)) to establish extreme risk protection orders as a court-issued order of protection prohibiting a person from purchasing, possessing or attempting to purchase or possess a firearm, rifle or shotgun.

#### Criminal Justice Reforms:

The Assembly passed a number of criminal justice reforms including [A.10137-A](#), a bill to end cash bail, and [A.4879](#), a bill to prohibit law enforcement officers from using racial or ethnic profiling during the performance of duties.

#### MTA Transparency:

The Assembly passed my bill, [A.11094](#), 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.

### **Legislative Session Recap**

While I am unhappy that the Senate did not take up nearly enough of the legislation that we passed in the Assembly this year, I am pleased that I was able to pass six pieces of my own legislation through both houses of the legislature.

#### **On Street Safety:**

[This week I called on the Governor](#) to sign a piece of legislation on which I am the prime sponsor that would make our streets safer. [A.11121](#), which passed both houses of the legislature last month would authorize 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 along with New York State Department of Health and New York State Division of Police 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. It is clearer now than ever that there needs to be more accountability to ensure medically unfit drivers do not remain behind the wheel. This bill will require our state agencies to put checks in place that will take those drivers off the road and make our streets safer. I hope that the Governor signs the bill as soon as possible.

#### **Clean Energy Legislation:**

[A.10410](#), and [A.10150](#), are two bills I introduced to encourage clean solar energy in New York State that passed both the Assembly and Senate. [A.10410](#) 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 the electric energy storage market in New York City. [A.10150](#) extends an existing incentive program to encourage the installation of solar panels in New York City. These bills together encourage more investment in solar energy and are critical to help meet and exceed our goal of using 50% renewable energy by 2030.



After a roundtable discussion this week with the NYC Solar Business Alliance, I called on the Governor to sign this legislation into law.

Judicial Hearing Officer Pilot Program Bill:

Additionally, my bill, [A.10365](#), which extends the chief administrator of the courts' authority to allow referees to determine certain applications to a family court for an order of protection passed the Assembly and Senate this session. This bill also makes permanent the judicial hearing officer pilot program in the family courts of the seventh and eighth judicial districts for ordering a reference to determine an application for an order of protection or temporary order of protection in certain cases. I expect the Governor to sign it shortly.

Fishery Management Legislation:

I am proud to sponsor [A.10857](#), which amends the environmental conservation law in relation to extending the authority of the Department of Environmental Conservation to manage the North Atlantic lobster. This bill allows the Department of Environmental Conservation to adopt regulations to implement conservation measures regarding the maintenance of the North Atlantic lobster. In the last 2 years, I have passed 2 bills relating to the Department of Environmental Conservation's management of our fisheries and to conserve the habitat of North Atlantic lobster and scup. As a member of the Environmental Conservation Committee it is important to make sure that we properly maintain and regulate our waterways.

Primary Date Change Legislation:

In March the Governor signed my bill, [A.8917-A](#), which requires that the 2018 fall primary be held on Thursday, September 13, 2018 to ensure that all New Yorkers who choose to are able to participate in the electoral process. New York State law requires that the state primary election be held on the first Tuesday after the second Monday in September - this year, that date is September 11th, which is also the second day of Rosh Hashanah, marking the Jewish New Year. As was done in previous years, this measure recognizes and respects the significance of the anniversary of the September 11th attacks as well as the Jewish holiday.

See you around the neighborhood,

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