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Greetings -

Opposing ICE's Lawless and Dangerous Behavior

Yesterday, I and ten other elected officials were arrested on the 10th floor of 26 Federal Plaza protesting ICE's illegal and inhumane treatment of immigrant New Yorkers.

In New York City, ICE has concentrated their activity around federal courthouses in Lower Manhattan targeting immigrants simply attempting to follow the legal process to resolve their cases. Apprehending and detaining people without judicial warrants is abduction by another name. At 26 Federal Plaza ICE has held people for extended periods of time in office space not meant for this purpose and a federal judge recently ordered the Trump Administration to remedy the conditions of people being detained there. Myself and my fellow elected officials asked to observe the conditions on the 10th floor to see if the judge's order was being complied with. We were denied entry and when we refused to leave were arrested. As I said in the New York Times, "If there is nothing to hide, why wouldn't you let us observe?"



In August, I called on Governor Hochul to act within her statutory authority to shut down buildings where ICE's illegal actions pose a threat to public health and safety and I renewed that call yesterday as well. I am confident this can be done in a way that does not endanger anyone working at these buildings and that immigration hearings can simply proceed virtually.

I also strongly support the Governor calling a special session for the Legislature to pass the New York For All Act (A.3506), which would prohibit New York state and local government agencies, including police and sheriffs, from cooperating with ICE, disclosing sensitive information, and diverting personnel or other resources to further federal immigration

enforcement; The Dignity Not Detention Act A.4181, that bars local jails from renting out cell space to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) for profit; and, the Access to Representation Act (A.270/S.141), which would establish a universal right to counsel for low-income New Yorkers who are subject to removal proceedings under federal immigration law.

I believe elected officials have the responsibility to oppose and seek to counteract the authoritarian behavior of the Trump Administration and will continue to do so through the range of actions available to me.

Upcoming Paper Shredding Events (With Corrected Date of 9/26)



Free Daffodil Bulbs Available Now

Pick up your bulbs from my district office (416 7th Avenue) courtesy of New Yorkers for Parks' (NY4P) Daffodil Project, their annual distribution of free daffodil bulbs to New Yorkers to plant in public-facing spaces, honoring 9/11 victims, and promoting civic engagement and parks stewardship.

Since 2002, NY4P has given away over 9 million bulbs, creating vast displays of yellow daffodils across the city each spring and fostering community spirit.

- Individuals can take 20 bulbs for front yards, tree pits and planters
- Community groups, schools, neighborhood associations, and other groups can take 100 or more depending on the size and scope of the project.
- Bulbs are available now, on a first come basis.
- Bulbs must be planted this fall, before the first frost, to bloom spring 2026.

If you have any concerns about any legislative or community issue, please email me at carrollr@nyassembly.gov or call (718) 788-7221.

-Bobby

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