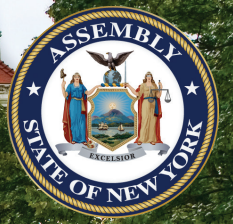




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Dear Neighbor(s):

For the past four months, I have been up in Albany fighting for a fair budget to keep our communities safe and protect our older adults, children, and working families. As the Chair of the Assembly Committee on Aging, I fought for and won major increases in funding for senior services all across our district, doing our utmost to meet the unmet needs of our most vulnerable residents. In the wake of increasing violence, attacks, and hate crimes in our city, public safety remains a top priority. That is why I called on our new governor to commit our state's emergency resources to local public safety programs that will protect our most vulnerable residents. At the same time, I vigorously opposed and voted against free handouts given to billionaires, and successfully secured tax cuts for working-class and middle-class communities in New York. I will continue to fight every day for you. Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, concerns, or comments..

Sincerely,

Ron Kim
Member of Assembly
District 40, Queens



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BILLS STADIUM CONTROVERSY DELAYS ALREADY-LATE STATE BUDGET

This legislative session, I led the way in exposing perhaps the worst case of corporate welfare in the history of our state. Instead of giving taxpayers' money to the Buffalo Bills' billionaire owners in Florida, we should be spending this money on public safety, education, and services for older adults. Instead, I offered a new alternative for keeping professional sports teams in our state. As long as we allow billionaires to extract billions in state subsidies—funding that could be used to boost public safety, sustain local economies, and improve social conditions—we will not have a safer New York. That is why I voted against giveaways to billionaires and for returning more services and resources to our local neighborhoods.



Assemblymember Kim and Senator Brisport offering a new solution to prevent professional sports teams from exploiting public money.

BUDGET

Financial Relief for Homeowners and Renters

New Yorkers are still reeling from the financial strain of the COVID-19 pandemic, and many are behind or unable to pay their rent or mortgage. Assemblyman Kim worked with lawmakers to pass \$1.1 billion in funding for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program and the Landlord Rental Assistance Program, and a total of \$35 million for the Homeowner Protection Program. In total, they secured more than \$2 billion in financial relief for tenants, homeowners, and working families.

Inflation, Gas & Energy Bills

Whether at the gas pump or on their electricity bills, New Yorkers are feeling the pain of increasing costs. Assemblymember Kim and his colleagues ensured that this year's state budget included \$250 million for a utility arrears program, \$585 million to suspend the state gas tax through the end of the year, and \$2.2 billion for property tax rebate checks. These measures, along with \$162 million in middle-class tax cuts, will help families catch up on energy bills and keep more of their hard-earned money when they need it most.

Serving and Protecting Older Adults

As the Chair of the Assembly Aging Committee, Assemblyman Kim was proud to secure over \$30 million toward human service and older adult programs. These include: Meals-On-Wheels, Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities, the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program, the Holocaust Survival Program, and many more essential programs.

Schools and Public Education

The past two years have been incredibly challenging for our kids, teachers and parents. Moving forward, we must provide more support and resources for the next generation of New Yorkers to thrive. Assemblymember Kim joined his colleagues in passing a historic \$3 billion investment in quality, affordable child care and \$31.2 billion in total education aid. They also secured nearly \$100 million in funding for public libraries.



Assemblyman Kim speaking to older adults about the recently passed state budget.

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Assemblymember Kim demanding accountability and greater public safety in the wake of another hate crime attack in New York.



Assemblyman Kim meets students and advocates fighting for a historic new Deal for CUNY and SUNY.