



May 13, 2022

Greetings --

It has been an eventful two weeks in Albany, as we work to pass legislation before the end of this session of the State Assembly. Before I provide a legislative update, I want to address the threat to reproductive rights that we are facing in our country. I was deeply disturbed but sadly not surprised by the draft opinion by Supreme Court Justice Alito that would overturn *Roe v. Wade*. It has been clear for some time that the Supreme Court is no longer an impartial arbiter of our nation's laws, but rather a politicized body pursuing a partisan agenda. This means that it is all the more important that in New York State we show leadership on abortion rights, the environment, labor and voting rights and a host of other issues.

In 2019, I was proud to cosponsor and pass the Reproductive Health Act, which codified *Roe v. Wade* protections into State law. There are now several new pieces of legislation that I support, which will strengthen abortion rights for New Yorkers as well as residents of other states facing abortion restrictions. Assembly bills [A.9627](#), [A.9613](#), and [A.9615](#) protect New York's abortion providers from interference from law-enforcement from other states, while Assembly bills [A.1926](#) and [A.10148](#) would establish funds to support abortion providers and non-profits providing abortion related care. I also strongly support a proposal by State Senator Liz Krueger [S.8797](#) to include an Equal Rights Amendment in our State Constitution. At a time when hard fought for rights are under assault at the federal level, we need a New York State Constitution that contains a comprehensive and enforceable equal rights provision, to realize the promise of legal equality and justice for all New Yorkers.



I promise to continue to fight to protect the constitutional rights of all New Yorkers and guarantee that women have access to safe and affordable abortion care.

Legislative Update:

I am proud to announce significant progress on several pieces of legislation on which I am the lead sponsor.

Education

My bill, [A.2185-B](#), passed the Assembly this week, which will establish a task force to examine appropriate and effective evidence-based screening, intervention, and support for students with and at risk of dyslexia and dysgraphia. [This is the result of years of work and advocacy](#) and represents the first major piece of legislation focused on dyslexia screening, curriculum, and teacher training that has ever passed in New York.

This legislation will mandate the Commissioner of the State Education Department to create a task force of educators, doctors, researchers, parents and advocates to examine and recommend the appropriate and evidence based screening methods, curriculum changes and teacher training that should be implemented for all students in kindergarten through 5th grade with dyslexia and dysgraphia.

Yesterday, [I joined Mayor Adams](#), Chancellor Banks, a number of amazing parents and advocates to announce life changing policies for children with dyslexia and phonemic awareness issues. Finally, thanks to Mayor Adams and Chancellor Banks, NYC schools will begin to screen children for dyslexia and implement an evidence based literacy curriculum. Then in the afternoon, I led a rally for my statewide Dyslexia Task Force bill, along with my colleague, State Senator Brad Hoylman, who sponsors the bill in the Senate, to push the Senate to pass this critical and historic legislation before the end of session in June. I will continue to advocate until they do.

The New York Times

Thursday, May 12, 2022



Assemblyman Robert C. Carroll, who represents the 44th District of Brooklyn, [co-wrote a bill](#) that would direct the state to form a panel of experts to develop guidelines for universal screening, evidence-based curriculum interventions and training programs for teachers.

Mr. Carroll said he was diagnosed with dyslexia when he was in the first grade and then attended two specialized schools.

“Having that individualized, evidence-based curriculum that was sequential, multi-sensory and rooted in phonics allowed me to become a successful student and reader and writer,” he said. The bill passed the State Assembly on Wednesday, and is now awaiting action in the Senate.

Read the entire NYT article:
[tinyurl.com/2ju2ucet](https://www.nytimes.com/2022/05/12/nyregion/dyslexia-task-force-act.html)

Environmental Legislation

My bill, [A.1466-B](#) the “New York State Build Public Renewables Act” passed the Assembly Corporations Committee. This legislation strengthens and expands the role of the New York Power Authority to create a public option for 100% renewable energy across the state. It will enable NYPA to own and build new renewable generation, storage, and transmission and sell low cost, clean, renewable energy to all customer classes. It requires NYPA to provide renewable energy to all State owned and municipal properties by 2025, will create thousands of union jobs, and lays the groundwork for the 100% renewable, democratically controlled, publicly owned energy system New York needs in order to meet the goals of the landmark Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act and lead the nation on climate.

I am incredibly thankful for all the hard work of the Public Power NY Coalition, whose advocacy has been the driving force behind this legislation. There is still much work to be done to see [A.1466-B](#) passed, but this is real progress!

Also on the environmental front my bill, [A.6251-B](#) “Pollution Justice Act of 2022” passed the Environmental Conservation Committee. This legislation requires electric generating units that operate during periods of peak electricity demand (so-called "peaker plants") in New York City to submit to a mandatory replacement and compliance plan to transition to clean renewable energy. These plants are among the oldest and dirtiest in the City and many are located in disadvantaged communities that already bear disproportionate pollution burdens. The enactment of this legislation into law would be another important step in the transition to clean renewable energy.

Election Law / Voter Protection Legislation

My bill, [A.642-C](#), the voter protection bill known as the “Wrong Church” bill passed the Assembly Election Law Committee. This legislation prevents voters from having their ballots invalidated simply because they mistakenly appeared in the wrong polling place. [In the 2020 General Election](#) 13,800 ballots were disqualified statewide simply because those affidavit ballots were cast at a poll site not assigned to the voter. In New York City alone, 9,481 registered New York voters lost their vote because of this law. We should be making every effort to see that New Yorkers who want to vote can do so and that their votes are correctly counted.

My bill, [A.8858-A](#), “10-Day Voter Registration” also passed the Assembly Election Law Committee.

This legislation will ensure New Yorkers can apply to vote up until 10 days before an election. This bill will bring New York law into compliance with the State Constitution’s minimum timeframe to apply to register to vote.

Consumer Protection Legislation

My bill, [A.1384](#), to reduce fixed charges on New Yorker’s eclectic bills passed the Assembly Energy Committee this week.

This legislation limits what electric companies can charge consumers in fixed charges, like metering, billing, service connection, and customer service. New Yorkers pay some of the highest fixed charges in the nation, which increases electric bills across the board and most especially for low-income and small consumers of energy.

The progress on these bills could not have been achieved without the engagement and support of so many and I look forward to continuing to work on these and other important pieces of legislation that will have real impact on making for a more sustainable, equitable, and democratic New York City and State.

Upcoming Metro Card Van & Free Covid Tests

The MTA MetroCard Van is Coming to Park Slope!

Sponsored by Assemblymember Robert Carroll



Tuesday, May 31st
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
416 7th Avenue



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- Ask our team about any MetroCard-related issues

If you can't come on May 31st, here is
the regular MetroCard Bus/Van Schedule for Brooklyn

Location	Day	Time
Sheepshead Bay at 3520 Nostrand Ave. (Between Avenue V & Avenue W)	1st Tuesday	10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Starrett City at Pennsylvania Ave. & Twin Pines Drive	1st & 3rd Tuesday	10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Coney Island at Neptune Avenue (Between West Fifth St. & Sixth Street)	1st Tuesday	1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Flatlands at Kings Plaza Shopping Mall (Avenue U & Flatbush Avenue)	1st & 3rd Tuesday	2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Flatlands at 2424 Ralph Avenue (Avenue N & Mill Lane)	1st & 3rd Tuesday	12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Bensonhurst at 86 Street & Bay Pkwy.	2nd & 4th Friday	10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Bay Ridge at 86 St & Fourth Avenue	2nd & 4th Friday	1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

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Carroll's office will
have free tests
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Tuesday, May 31
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
416 7th Avenue

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if you need tests but are
not available to stop
by on May 31.



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