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Greetings –

I was back in Albany this week for the beginning of the 2026 Assembly session. Mitigating the harm the Trump Administration is causing by cuts to the safety net and other vital federally funded services and programs will be priority number one, but the State also needs to continue moving forward on a host of policy issues.

Major Progress on Universal Child Care

On Wednesday, I rallied at the Capitol with my colleagues in the Assembly and State Senate in support of quality publicly funded Universal Child Care in New York State. Then, just yesterday Governor Hochul joined by Mayor Mamdani announced that she is committed to seeing the State take the steps needed to make Pre-K truly universal statewide and that the State will partner with New York City to launch 2-Care while also strengthening the City's 3-K program. I applaud the Governor and the Mayor and look forward to continuing to work to reach the goal of Universal Child Care statewide and ensure the sustainability and quality of the program.



Protecting Immigrants and Reigning in ICE

The killing by ICE of Minneapolis resident Renee Nicole Good was horrifying. It is clear from what we see happening around the country, what my constituents who volunteer as observers at immigration court at 26 Federal Plaza have told me, and my own experience there that ICE is operating dangerously and without clear protocols. I believe ICE should be abolished and those responsible for the harm they have caused be held accountable.

It is all the more urgent that the legislature pass three key bills to protect immigrants and reign in ICE: The [New York For All Act \(A.3506/S.2235\)](#) 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 \(A.4181/S.316\)](#) would bar local jails from renting out cell space to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) for profit; and, [The Access to Representation Act \(A.270/S.141\)](#) would establish a universal right to counsel for low-income New Yorkers who are subject to removal proceedings under federal immigration law

My Legislation Regulating AI in Schools

There are dozens of bills that I am the prime sponsor of that I will be working to advance in the weeks and months ahead. One of them is my bill [A.9190](#), which would prohibit the use of artificial intelligence in K-8 classrooms, except for diagnostic purposes or explicit instruction interventions. I appeared on FOX5NY yesterday to discuss the bill. Schools should not only impart strong foundational skills but also foster critical thinking and social skills.



Shooting Death at NYP Brooklyn Methodist Hospital

The death last night at New York Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital where the police shot and killed a man wielding a knife who had barricaded himself in a room with another patient and a hospital worker is a tragedy. I was fully briefed on-site last night by the NYPD and Methodist officials and am confident that they will be taking appropriate steps in reviewing their protocols to ensure the safety of patients and staff at the hospital.

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