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Dear Neighbor:

This past legislative session has been one of my most successful to date. I was able to pass 20 bills through both the Assembly and Senate – 16 of which have already been signed into law by the Governor. The 2019 session brought a lot of change to New York and I am hopeful the bills I authored are a positive step for Rockland. As we move toward 2020, I look forward to continuing the fight on behalf of Rockland residents.

Included in this mailer you'll find information on some of the new laws I authored, as well as a few survey questions I hope you will take the time to fill out. There is also a line for you to list your priorities for the next year and beyond. I look forward to your feedback as I continue to represent you in the NYS Assembly.

Sincerely,

Ken Zebrowski



Speaking on the floor of the Assembly Chamber.

ENDING ANONYMOUS LLC REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS



Assemblyman Zebrowski standing with Senator Skoufis to announce that their anonymous LLC bill has been signed into law.

- The Zebrowski-Skoufis bill, signed into law, lifts the shroud of anonymity on LLCs that own residential properties.
- LLCs must now disclose the names of all members associated with the company at the time of a residential real estate transaction.
- Previously, it had been almost impossible to know the true ownership of these anonymous entities – which left municipalities in the dark and unable to hold anyone accountable for code violations, illegal conversions, or fines.
- Ken has led the fight in stricter code enforcement and fire safety in Rockland and throughout the State; this new law will ensure local governments are able to hold someone responsible should they put residents or first responders at risk.
- Senate Sponsor: James Skoufis

First in the Nation Tip-Over Legislation

- A major highlight this session included the passage and signing of Harper's Law, a first in the nation bill, that prevents furniture tip-over accidents by removing dangerous furniture from stores across the State.
- Harper's Law is named after Harper Fried, a three-year-old Hudson Valley girl who tragically lost her life after a piece of children's furniture fell on her. Assemblyman Zebrowski worked closely with the Fried family as a legacy to Harper.
- Harper's Law requires retailers to only sell furniture that complies with strict federal or industry standards that include a tip-restraint device and a permanent warning label.
- New York State is now the first state in the nation to require potentially life-saving tip restraint devices to be included in the sale of furniture.
- Senate Sponsor: James Skoufis



Assemblyman Zebrowski reads to a Rockland class during Read Aloud Week.

PROTECTING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS

- Assemblyman Zebrowski has continued his strong record of protecting domestic violence victims by passing domestic violence reporting legislation.
- This new law allows survivors of domestic violence to report an incident of abuse to any law enforcement agency across New York State.
- Previously, victims would only be able to report the crime where it took place. Too often, this required survivors to return to the location where the abuse took place, which could be dangerous and traumatic.
- This eliminates jurisdictional issues and will hopefully encourage domestic violence victims to come forward.
- Senator Carlucci and Assemblyman Zebrowski authored this bill with the help of a survivor and the Center for Safety & Change.

Keeping Students and First Responders Safe

- Assemblyman Zebrowski has raised the alarm on lax code enforcement and insufficient fire safety inspections in schools in Rockland and across New York State.
- Ken is happy to report that his Fire Safety Inspection Reform bill passed both houses this session. The bill is awaiting signature by Governor Cuomo.
- These reforms completely overhaul and improve the fire inspection process in schools by removing the ability of unqualified individuals to conduct inspections, and hold schools accountable that do not comply with fire inspection requirements.
- The reforms are long-overdue and will provide peace of mind that our school buildings are properly inspected.
- Senate Sponsor: David Carlucci



Ken speaking at a press conference about the importance of universal full day pre-K.

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PUTTING TRANSPARENCY BACK INTO POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS

- Ken continues to champion a more transparent, open election process.
- Now New York State law, this transparency bill requires all political advertisements including print, internet, television, or radio to have a “paid for by” statement.
- This will force candidates to publicly stand by their statements and end anonymous attack ads.
- This bill is the second half of Zebrowski’s Democracy Protection Act, an effort that started with independent expenditure and digital advertisement disclosures, that passed last year.
- Senate Sponsor: James Skoufis

Additional Legislation by Assemblyman Zebrowski That Is Now NYS Law

- **Protecting Furloughed Federal Employees:** Provided a temporary extension for payment of property taxes for individuals who had been furloughed during the federal government shutdown (A.881).
- **Protecting Domestic Violence Victims:** Doubles the amount of time that domestic violence survivors can sue their abusers from one year to two years (A.1945).
- **Ensuring Inclusivity for Deaf/Hard of Hearing Community:** Requires places of public accommodation to provide closed captioning on certain televisions upon request (A.2076).
- **Continuing Imperative Hep. C Testing:** Extends the requirement that hospitals offer Hepatitis C testing – ensuring those that are living with the condition seek treatment (A.7671).

SURVEY QUESTIONS:

Please feel free to respond and send the detachable portion to my office at the address listed below. An online version of this survey will also be available at my website at: <https://assembly.state.ny.us/mem/Kenneth-Zebrowski/story/89880>

1. Do you believe that merchants and retailers should be able to impose a surcharge or fee on credit card purchases? Yes No
2. Should New York provide universal Pre-kindergarten for 4-year-olds? Yes No
3. Which of these transportation projects would be most important to you?
 - A train over the new Tappan Zee Bridge
 - The Gateway Tunnel under the Hudson that would get Rockland New Jersey Transit trains directly into Penn Station

- Expansion and improvements to bus service into Westchester and NYC
4. Should New York follow New Jersey and legalize sports betting? Yes No
 5. Should New York legalize adult use marijuana? Yes No
 6. My top priorities are:
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____

Send completed survey to:

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