



Assemblywoman

# Michele Titus

## Reports to the People



Winter 2015

Dear Friends,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family blissful and healthy. Over the course of the past year, my staff and I have had the wonderful opportunity of serving you. I have been busy in Albany and here in Queens for the last several months attending community events throughout the district. I have listened and heard your comments about minimum wage, the women's equality agenda, Paid Family Leave Act, homeownership, affordable housing, education, services to seniors, healthcare and transportation. As a result of our combined effort, much was achieved, serving in my newly appointed position as Chair of Labor Committee, and most importantly continuing to introduce legislation that addresses the concerns of those living in the 31st Assembly District.

Inside this newsletter, you will find summaries of a few of my bills, and some others the committee acted upon during this year's legislative session.

As we get ready to celebrate the Thanksgiving and Christmas season, let us remember in these times of unprecedented challenges that we are strengthened by the spirit of giving. Please know I will continue to fight for you and talk to as many of my neighbors and constituents as I possibly can. As always, feel free to contact my district office with any comments or suggestions you may have.

Finally, and more importantly, may your holiday be blessed with joy and your new year filled with peace, hope and prosperity. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!!

Sincerely,

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# LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

**Achieve Pay Equity:** This bill (S. 1 / A. 6075) would strengthen New York State law to truly prohibit employers from paying women less than men for performing the same work. The bill eliminates a loophole in the current law that allows employers to prohibit employees from discussing their salaries under threat of termination or suspension. Specifically, the bill would allow employees to discuss their wages with each other. Further, the bill increases the amount of damages available to an employee if an employer willfully violates the law.  
(Passed into Law)

## **A.7257 (Titus)**

This bill would allow working families across the state earn a fair wage by raising the minimum wage.  
(Passed Assembly)

## **A.1259 (Titus)**

The purpose of this legislation is to aid in the assistance of obtaining technical, managerial, financial and other business assistance for certified businesses and applicants.

## **A.1176 (Titus)**

The bill would amend the Social Services Law (SSL) to allow a parent or other relative of a child under the age of one to be exempt from welfare work requirements. (Reported to Assembly Social Services Committee)

## **A.1226 (Titus)**

This bill would require that banks, lenders and mortgagees accept partial mortgage payments which represent, at a minimum, a mortgage payment, but not the total arrearages that may be due and owing. (Reported to Assembly Judiciary Committee).

## **A.1325 (Titus)**

This bill would enact the Disaster Voting Relief Act of 2015; provides for temporary voting procedures in a state of emergency. (Reported to the Committee on Election Law).



“I am proud to have played a role in passing the Women’s Equality Agenda. Our state has taken a fundamental step forward in the fight for equal rights – this Act will improve the lives of millions. Governor Cuomo has been a steadfast supporter and advocate for women’s rights and I look forward to working closely with him as we continue to advance policies on behalf of women,” said **Assemblywoman Michele Titus**. Pictured with Assemblywoman Titus are several members of the Assembly and Senate as the Governor signed her legislation, A.6075, to protect and further women’s equality in New York.



## **Meeting with U.S. Senator Gillibrand**

Assemblywoman Michele Titus is pictured here with the United States Senator Gillibrand. They discussed the Assemblywoman’s recently signed Pay Equity bill, as well as Sen. Gillibrand’s Paid Leave bill in Washington.

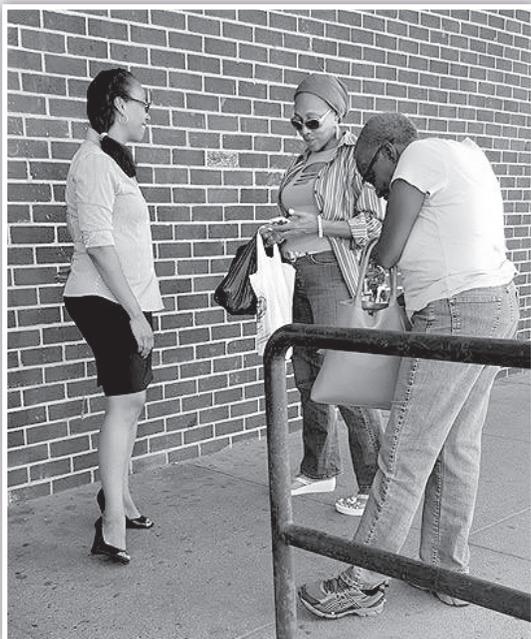


Assemblywoman visits the training facility for the Iron Workers Apprenticeship Program.

## ASSEMBLY IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD SERIES



Our annual Senior Fitness Day at Springfield Park.



**'Assembly in your neighborhood'**- Hammels Shopping Center discussing current issues.



Assemblywoman Titus joined by Rosedale community leaders Irnel Stephen and Sam Elliott.



Assemblywoman Michele Titus met with constituents at the Mott Avenue train station this past summer as part of her "Assembly in your neighborhood" series.



Assemblywoman Titus had a great day at Ocean Bay's Back to School Family Day. Wonderful events like these are not possible without the help of amazing volunteers and selfless leaders like Geraldine Jones.

ASSEMBLY IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD SERIES (CONT'D)



Ocean Bay CDC's Senior Information Day.



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***Happy Holidays!***



***Season's Greetings from***



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