



Greetings from Albany.

I've had an exciting first month here, representing you in the Assembly.

Here's what happened this past week:

On Monday, as part of my first joint budget hearing, I had a chance to speak with my most powerful constituent, Mayor de Blasio, about a range of subjects. He and I agree that it should be easier to vote in New York. I think, and the Mayor agrees, that you should be able to change your party registration quickly and easily — currently, it can take eleven months.

In the coming weeks, I will roll out a series of reforms that will make voting in New York fairer and more democratic. I'll address early voting, public information about elections, and easy ballot access. Stay tuned.

As you know, I ran with the goal of reforming Albany. I am far from the first young Assemblymember with this dream. But already this year, we took a step toward ending the corrupt culture of Albany. I voted for A1749, which will strip the pensions from all officeholders convicted of corruption. In November, New Yorkers will have the chance to add this key reform to our state's Constitution.

Young people can barely afford to live in Brooklyn. **I questioned our City Comptroller about expanding the Earned Income Tax Credit to New Yorkers who are single without dependents.** This would facilitate young people to live on their own, and combat youth unemployment.

New York City is the economic engine that drives this state. The City makes up 43% of the state's population, but we pay over 60% of the taxes. But we don't get compensated for the money we pay in. The City is owed \$1.6 billion in Campaign for Fiscal Equity (CFE) funds. These funds haven't yet been fully implemented; in spite of a court order over a decade ago that made clear the City isn't receiving its fair share. This money belongs to our children. **In Albany, I'm going to keep asking the hard questions on this topic, to make sure our children get the funds they deserve.**

If you have any questions about my legislative agenda, or you have a concern to pass along to me, please respond to this email or call my District Office at (718) 788-7221.

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