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Legislative Highlights through June 23, 2014

**2014 LEGISLATIVE SESSION ENDS WITH PROGRESS IN EDUCATION,
PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY, JOBS AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONS**

Dear Friends,

This has been an extraordinary legislative session. We tackled important issues and passed new laws that will support working families for years to come. **We lowered taxes, grew businesses and created jobs; added more affordable housing and passed into law the nation's first Universal Pre-K program.** We enacted laws to aid senior citizens, protect the mentally and physically disabled, employ returning veterans and keep our environment safe. We also secured Brownfield Funding to make better use of our land.

Thank you for your input that has helped me develop and fight for legislation of importance to you. Please continue to make your voices heard. May we continue to work together to bring about a **more open and transparent process** that will grow our democracy and strengthen our resolve to serve the people of New York. I hope to see you in my district over the Summer.

This report highlights legislation I helped pass in the Assembly. **I will continue to fight** for the issues that matter most to our communities and working families. As always, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Felix W. Ortiz



The Puerto Rican/Hispanic Task Force met with the General Consul of Colombia. We were updated on the economic, social, and educational developments in Colombia and how it related to New York State.

Pedestrian Safety- NY City's speed limit will be reduced to 25 mph on most streets and penalties will increase for hit and run drivers.

Three Year Ban on Hydrofracking-We passed a moratorium to prevent the practice of drilling for natural gas in New York, protecting our water supply and preventing contamination.

Tackling Teen Drug Overdosing - To address the rapid increase of teenagers overdosing on heroin and opioids, we passed new laws for insurance covered treatments, a public awareness campaign and new stringent penalties for dealing.

Climate Change Prevention Measure-state funded projects, including all new construction, now must factor in climate change and extreme weather possibilities, such as severe flooding and a rise in sea level.

Families of Students with Special Needs Win - An agreement was reached between the Assembly and New York City for the city to pay for the placement of special needs children attending private schools. This is great progress in the fight for equitable education. It will allow parents to choose the school that best meets the needs of their child without the burden of cost to the family.

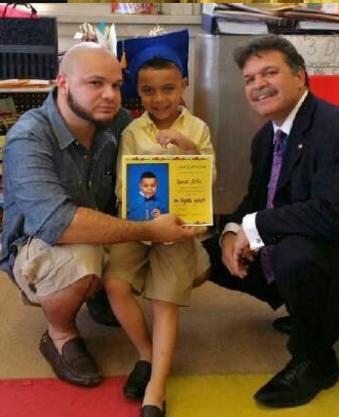
Chinese-American Brooklyn Volleyball Association with Sunny Li President of the Brooklyn On Fun Association.



Assemblyman Ortiz stops by schools in his district to congratulate all students who graduated and moved up! Here is a stop by PS 506.



Congratulations Danny Felix Ortiz for winning the class Spelling Bee at PS 172 and graduating to 1st grade.



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