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**WEEKLY
HIGHLIGHTS**

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Supporting Our Police Officers

I introduced legislation in the Assembly to retrofit NYPD patrol cars with bullet proof glass. With bi-partisan support in both houses, this bill represents an important step towards improving conditions for police officers. After last month's ruthless murders of NYPD officers Rafael Ramos and Wenjian Liu, the lives of our law enforcement officers cannot be compromised by partisan politics. I am joining my colleagues in the Senate as the Assembly sponsor of this legislation to create safer vehicles for New York City's Finest. The brave men and women who put their lives on the line for all of us deserve the best safety equipment we can give them.

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This past week I met with Naila Rosario from the Brooklyn Public Library to discuss library and community outreach meetings. We also discussed the need for another school in Sunset Park.

Quality Health Care for All Is Critical!



I joined SEIU Local 1199 to fight for universal health care at a rally held last week in Albany. Health care is critical for every New Yorker. Make sure you have quality health insurance coverage for every member of your family today! Please make sure you enroll this year by [February 15](https://nystateofhealth.ny.gov/individual). For more information go to: <https://nystateofhealth.ny.gov/individual>

Ban Surge Pricing by Car Services

I've introduced a bill to stop Uber and Lyft from taking customers on a super-spendy ride during peak travel times. These companies are spiking prices at peak times of the day, a practice nothing short of price gouging consumers and riders. We need to be sure that these companies are not regulating themselves and that we are protecting our consumers. This practice of spiking fares is unfair and simply bad business.

Let's Stop Using Lever Voting Machines



New Yorkers should be able to vote with the best technology available. That's why I joined New York's county elections commissioners to end the use of the old lever voting machines in local elections. Lever machines are difficult for handicapped and challenged voters to use.

State wide Drivers' Licenses & ID Cards for Non-Citizens



Last week Telemundo broadcasted an interview with me where I discuss my proposal for state wide identification cards for non-citizens and on my bill which would give certain non-citizens eligibility to obtain a driver's license.

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