



New York State Assembly Weekly Report From Assistant Speaker Felix W. Ortiz

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The dangerous public safety threat from manhole cover explosions must be addressed immediately. Flammable gases can build up in underground areas and catch fire. New technology can provide greater ventilation for gases through manhole covers and reduce the threat of explosions. ConEd must review the safety and operating conditions below the streets. I am asking ConEd about the age of the underground systems, how they are kept in good operating shape and how the utility insures your safety.



I met with cancer survivors and advocates working with the Cancer Action Network of the American Cancer Society in Albany. We discussed the importance of screenings, which are often available for free at community health fairs. We are working to coordinate efforts for upcoming Brooklyn health fairs. For future screening opportunities follow my Facebook and Twitter accounts.

I joined a bipartisan group of Assembly colleagues to support passage of the Adoptee Bill of Rights. This legislation will provide adopted adults equal access to their birth certificates. Currently the process makes it difficult and costly for adoptees. This basic information can be critical, especially for medical history. Data like this should never only be available to only those who can afford it. Birth information should be easier to obtain. (A4901)



Sunset Park residents marched with me from Community Board 7 to 46th Street to bring attention to manhole explosion problems.



Discussing Illegal Conversions in Bay Ridge.



Ms. Marshall, residents and US Senator Charles E. Schumer



College students from Brooklyn expressed their support for TAP (Tuition Assistance Program) to make college more affordable. Students working for a better tomorrow should not have to worry about loans and debts. I am fighting for loan forgiveness and deferments for recent graduates in this year's budget negotiations.

Annual Association of Black and Puerto Rican Legislators Caucus Weekend



Welcoming our CUNY students

Talking about greater investment opportunities with the Asia Global Business Group



People's Budget: Examining the Governor's Proposal:

We discussed New York State budget priorities. I am helping lead the fight for the DREAM Act, infrastructure repair funding and helping our immigrants obtain better government services.

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