

As a U.S. Army veteran himself, Ortiz is working to keep Fort Drum in upstate New York open. The fort is home to the fabled 10th Mountain Division and is the largest employer in the North Country. Ortiz met with Army officers who visited Albany to coordinate efforts to keep the fort from closing.



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From Assistant Speaker Felix W. Ortiz**



Ortiz was joined by colleagues and supporters of his bill to help end hunger by creating tax incentives for donations of excess food by restaurants (A5583).



Parents from Park Slope's PS 10 met with Ortiz in Albany to advocate for more funding for education.



Members of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce met with Ortiz to advocate funding and support for jobs, internships and other projects to make Brooklyn a world class economic center. Ortiz is helping the Chamber to make Industry City the city's leading private sector economic development center.



The Assembly passed legislation to combat human trafficking. This critical legislation will protect victims, expand access to services to empower survivors and strengthen criminal penalties for persons convicted of trafficking offenses.



Living with chronic wounds can be painful and debilitating. Ortiz joined his Senate colleagues to introduce legislation (A.5907) to permit Medicaid coverage for Topical Oxygen Wound Therapy (TOWT), a safe and effective treatment for patients suffering from chronic wounds that have not responded to standard therapy.



Ortiz thanks chefs from Hangzhou for helping to bring the Chinese food culture to Brooklyn at the American Chinese Commerce Association's Asian Food Festival.

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