



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



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To honor Mother's Day, Ortiz visited the United Senior Center of Sunset Park where he presented a citation to Center Director Grisel Amador. He also stopped by the Marien Heim Mother's Day Celebration to greet the residents there.



Joining the NYPD's 72nd Precinct Graffiti clean-up program, Ortiz's lend a hand to remove graffiti from Sunset Park buildings.



Ortiz held a press conference with the parents of Briana Ojeda and Senator Velmanette Montgomery to urge passage of Briana's Law, named after a young girl who died in 2010 after police were unable to administer CPR to her after an asthma attack. The American Red Cross also joined the effort to mandate biennial CPR training for all police officers in New York (A4364).



The Assembly has led the fight to raise the minimum wage and ensure that all New Yorkers earn a fair living wage. This week, we passed legislation to raise the minimum wage to \$10.50 per hour and create a minimum wage of \$12.50 per hour in New York City and the suburbs. The tipped wage would increase to \$8.75 and \$10.40 for New York City & suburbs as well. Incremental increases in the minimum wage statewide will cover a three-year period, raising it \$15 per hour in New York City and the suburbs by 2018. The Assembly is the first and only state house to pass legislation to increase the wage to \$15.

The legislation included measures that would prohibit discrimination based on familial status, require accommodation for pregnant employees, and ensure employees are not forced to choose between their career and starting a family. The legislation will also strengthen protections against sexual harassment in the workplace.



In response to growing concerns over worker protections at nail salons, Ortiz introduced A7406 to control unlicensed day spas in New York. While there are many good and appropriate businesses providing nail and hair services, not all are legitimate. This industry needs better oversight and regulation to insure your safety.

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