



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



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Last week New York’s Caucus of Environmental Legislators met to discuss important environmental bills before the legislature. Assistant Speaker Ortiz attended the press conference to share his concerns for brownfield cleanup (A8063) and climate control (A5943).



Ortiz met with uniformed EMTs, paramedics and fire inspectors to discuss legislation to strengthen laws against assaulting uniformed firefighters and EMTs and ensure their safety as they serve our community (A.7345).



Assistant Speaker Ortiz joined colleagues and members of Tenant Power Rally to advocate for stronger tenant rights. It is important to protect all New Yorkers and guarantee accessibility to safe, affordable quality housing.



Members of the New York State Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic and Asian Legislative Caucus spread awareness of gun violence and the need for gun prevention. For the third year, a resolution passed in Assembly to dedicate June as Gun Violence Awareness Month. Legislators wore orange to recognize this issue and advocate for gun safety.



The Assembly has passed Ortiz’s “Briana’s Law” (A.4364) for the third year and he will continue to fight for its passage in the Senate. The bill requires law enforcement agents, including state police, to receive cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) re-training every two years. The bill was drafted in response to the tragic death in 2010 of Briana Ojeda, an 11 year old girl who suffered a severe asthma attack and subsequently died after the attending police officer was unable to administer CPR.



Assistant Speaker Ortiz joined colleagues to urge the Senate to pass the Child Safe Products Act, A.5612. This bill will require manufacturers to disclose toxic chemicals used in children’s products. Children are especially vulnerable to exposure to dangerous chemicals. It is important to end the use of dangerous chemicals in child products and inform parents when these chemicals are used.

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