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Find a facility that can help people battling eating disorders at:
<http://columbiapsychiatry.org/eatingdisorders/directions>

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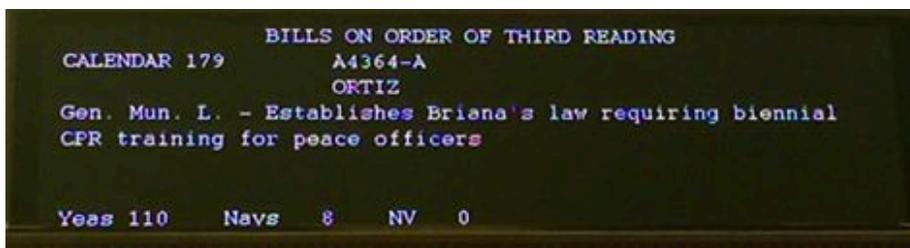
Federal, State and City leaders joined labor, environmental, progressive and consumer groups at City Hall to show our unified opposition to the massive Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and to urge all members of Congress to defeat the proposed trade agreement if it comes to a vote.

The United States and 11 other Pacific Rim nations signed the TPP on February 4, 2016.

The New York elected leaders who gathered in Manhattan went on record against this secretly negotiated trade deal and urged all members of Congress to join them in their opposition.



My legislation to require police CPR retraining (Briana's Law) passed the Assembly last week. I am working with Senator Murphy to assure Senate passage this year. **Briana's Law will save lives.**



Together Senator Terrence Murphy and I announced a joint effort to protect innocent people from injuries caused by distracted driving. We have introduced a bipartisan state bill to make New York the first state to attempt a distracted driving policy solution and enact a measure that would give police another tool to

investigate distracted-driving accidents. The bill is named Evan's Law after Evan Lieberman, a teenager who was killed by a distracted driver in 2011. Evan's Law enables police to use available technology to examine phones at an accident site in a way that avoids drivers' personal data and will hopefully discourage drivers from using their phones behind the wheel.



NYC Smoke-Free met with me at my Albany Office to discuss a smoke-free New York. NYC Smoke-Free is a program of Public Health Solutions that works to protect the health of New Yorkers through tobacco control policy, advocacy, and education.



I stood with the New York City Asian-American Democratic Club (NYCADC) at their launch on Monday night, supporting diversity in the political process. NYCADC is the City's first Asian-American Dem Club launched in Sunset Park.

Equal Pay Day – April 12

Today, more than 50 years after passage of the Equal Pay Act by Congress, women still typically earn only 79 cents for each dollar a man takes home – and the disparity is even larger for women of color. Here in New York, based on today's wage gap, a woman would lose \$271,960 over the course of a 40-year career, according to a recent analysis by the National Women's Law Center.

With millions of women in this country, and across New York, serving as the primary breadwinner for their families, this isn't just the right thing to do – it's a matter of basic economic security. With Congress in an ongoing state of gridlock, New York should lead the way in making equal pay for equal work a reality.