

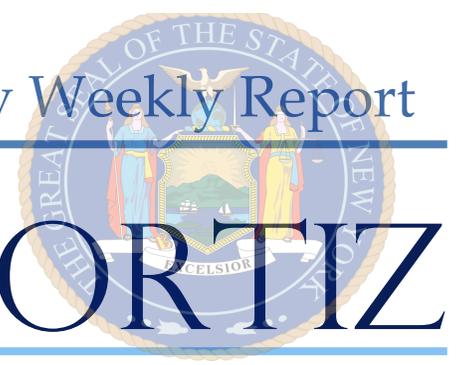


# New York State Assembly Weekly Report

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### New York State Assembly Passes Legislation to Help Crime Victims

The State Assembly has approved legislation to aid crime victims, including my bill (A.1097) to allow victims to receive reimbursement for transportation costs associated with necessary court appearances. My bill defines the term "necessary court appearance" for purposes of the determination of a crime victim's compensation.

We also passed several other bills, including measures to combat human trafficking, support victims of rape and sexual assault, ease the financial burden on victims and their families, protect the rights of victims and their families and safeguard individuals who report crimes.

### New York State Assembly Passes Equal Pay Legislation

I passed several bills to ensure that women in New York earn equal pay for equal work. For the past quarter-century, the Assembly has advanced legislation taking aim at pay inequality and the negative impact it has on women's economic security.

To ensure that women have greater protections under the law, the Assembly's legislative package includes the New York State Fair Pay act to address and enforce pay equality, including broadening equal pay protections to include equivalent jobs and ensuring that traditional female and minority jobs are not undervalued.



I met with the Neighbors Helping Neighbors organization outside the Assembly Chamber to discuss low income housing in New York City.



I was delighted to display original artwork by local artist Zhu AiJuan (Tiffany) at my District Office last week. AiJuan was born in NanJing, China. In 2001, she moved to the United States (New York City) and decided to advance her painting skills. She was mentored under the artist and teacher Alan Van Every. Her work was on view at my office and I encouraged constituents to stop by and visit.



On April 11, I introduced my resolution that would commemorate April 2016 as Organ Donation and Tissue Donor Awareness Month. My resolution passed the Assembly the same day.



Students met with me to help raise awareness at the Capitol's Dyslexia Awareness Day.



NYCHA Chairwoman Shola Olatoye and Director of Intergovernmental Relations Brian Honan stopped by to discuss the ongoing need for repairs in Red Hook.