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Dear Friend:

It's been over a year since the governor sent the Legislature his measure to protect women's rights. Since then, **the Assembly has passed the full 10-point Women's Equality Act not once, but twice**, while the state Senate has failed to even bring this omnibus legislation up for a vote.

The Women's Equality Act contains key protections for women, including pay equity, safeguarding reproductive rights, combating sexual harassment, strengthening human-trafficking laws and helping domestic violence victims. These issues are all important priorities for the Assembly Majority, and I will continue urging the state Senate to pass the full Women's Equality Act. **New York women deserve nothing less.**

While we keep up the fight for women's rights, it's also important to note progress that's been made. This year, the state budget **expanded child care eligibility** and increased the number of slots available. We've also made a commitment to make full-day Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) a reality.

In an increasingly technological world, it's vital to provide parents with the tools to keep their children's information safe. **A new "Parents Bill of Rights" has been created to give parents or guardians control of what student data schools can share.** I also fought to protect our kids from identity theft by allowing parents or guardians to freeze the credit records of their children, even when no file yet exists, in order to stop child identity theft before it occurs. This measure has passed the Legislature and will soon be sent to the governor for final approval.

There is more to accomplish for the women of New York, but we need the state Senate's cooperation. I'm fighting to implement paid family leave benefits, because while federal law allows 12 weeks of family leave, most cannot afford to take this time unpaid. **Mothers shouldn't have to risk their family's economic security to care for their loved ones.** Another top priority is addressing domestic violence at its core. To that end, the Assembly passed a number of measures to **provide better assistance, protection and justice to domestic violence victims.** I will continue to fight to make these measures law.

I am proud of the successes we have achieved because they will make life better for women and families in New York, but I know there's more to do. To discuss this or any other community issue, please contact my office at 718-399-7630 or email me at robinsona@assembly.state.ny.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Annette M. Robinson".

Annette M. Robinson
Member of Assembly