



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



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The King's County Memorial Day Parade was held in Bay Ridge where Ortiz honored Grand Marshal Howie Dunn for his United States Navy service. Dunn has also been a leader with the Boy Scouts, Amity 791 American Flag Committee and the Wounded Warrior Project. Thank you all who served in the armed forces.



Legislation this Week

- Last week, Ortiz introduced legislation to improve the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (MTA) ability to accommodate riders with disabilities. This bill will create a new advisory council consisting of transit riders who have disabilities and who understand the difficulties of navigating the transit system. This new Riders Council will give a stronger voice to riders with disabilities and correct their lack of representation on the MTA board. The MTA is their primary mode of transportation around the City and they should have input about improvements of its operation.
- Ortiz announced the passage of his bill A.6979 in the Assembly to promote spina bifida public outreach programs. Spina bifida is the most common permanently disabling birth defect in the United States. An estimated 4,000 New Yorkers are living with spina bifida.



Assistant Speaker Ortiz joined colleagues to urge the Senate to close the LLC loophole. Limited Liability Corporations should be treated as corporations, not as individuals. We must not allow big donors and special interests to avoid New York's sky-high campaign finance limits.



The American Heart Association and NYU Lutheran Health System visited Albany to discuss legislation regarding a state-wide stroke system of care (A7410). This system will be implemented through stroke centers at hospitals across the state in order to better support stroke patients.

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