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It was an honor to address the Northeast Association Lunar New Year.



Students from the Red Hook Initiative visited my Albany office, and advocated for summer jobs in Albany.



Last week, a group assembled to show our solidarity against unfair immigration policies that single people out and treat them unfairly. I stand with people from all faiths and backgrounds.



At the New York Immigration Coalition's press conference, I spoke about how we are all sons and daughters of immigrants. We must continue the fight. We cannot remain silent.



Thousands of fellow New Yorkers came together in Battery Park to protest the President's terrible and unlawful attempt to ban Muslims from entering this nation. I joined with them to let the White House know that we will not tolerate these illegal attempts. It's un-American.



Our community deserves sustainable housing; not shelters. Let's continue the fight to ensure we put an end to HIV and homelessness in our neighborhoods communities.

Our founding principles and laws prohibit discrimination against any nation or religion. That's what makes this nation the greatest on Earth. I am proud that our federal judges stopped the unlawful effort to deny innocent people entry into the United States at airports. I commend the thousands of people who turned out and showed their support for those seeking to enter and for the rule of law.

As an elected official, I believe we must use the trust given to us to stand up for those in need of help. Today is not the time to be silent but to stand with those denied basic American freedoms.

“Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring, those ripples build a current that can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance.” - Robert F. Kennedy