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VA TO KEEP SERVICES AT BROOKLYN MEDICAL CENTER

I am pleased to announce my successful advocacy to keep critical medical services at the Brooklyn VA Medical Center (VAMC). A proposed change would have required veterans to travel to Manhattan for certain inpatient surgeries, including open heart procedures, joint reconstructions, and appendectomies. In August, we led a push, together with a bipartisan coalition, for the VA to abandon the proposal and maintain existing services at the Brooklyn VAMC.

It was an honor to march in the Hispanic Day Parade in Manhattan as Grand Marshall for New York. Special thanks to the NYPD and FDNY!



Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration at Verizon/CWS 1105, 1109 Headquarters for hurricane relief.



I attended the Better Chinatown USA 15th Autumn Moon Lantern Parade Festival.



Last week in Washington, the Trump administration delivered a massive blow to women's health care by allowing even more employers and insurers to exempt themselves from covering contraceptives. Unlike the Trump administration, I firmly believe that reproductive health choices should be made exclusively by a woman and her doctor - never her employer.

The Tang Family Association's Opening Ceremony



For years, I have fought to pass legislation that would protect the reproductive rights of women in New York State, including legislation to expand insurance coverage to include more contraceptive options than currently is required under federal law. We are committed to increasing access and options for women, not restrictive and regressive policies that eliminate them.

Women's reproductive health rights have been under attack. I recognize the need for progressive federal action that respects a woman's right to make her own health care and family planning decisions. New York will never move backwards. No matter what happens, we will continue to lead the charge on this issue by advocating for women's complete autonomy over their bodies and choices.