



November 27, 2024

Greetings –

Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and hoping you will get to enjoy time with family and friends over this long weekend.

Preparing for Next Year – Governor Hochul Should Call a Special Session

The country is facing significant uncertainty in terms of the impact of policies that will be pursued by the incoming presidential administration. I believe that as policymakers at the State level we need to move with deliberate speed regarding legislative and budgetary measures that can be taken to preserve and improve health care access and quality, continue the fight against climate change, and protect the rights of immigrants, the LGBTQ community, reproductive rights, freedom of the press and freedom of assembly, voting rights, and fair labor practices.

Shortly after Election Day, I called on Governor Hochul to convene a special session of the legislature - at a minimum we should consider and pass legislation that will help protect immigrants in New York from mass deportation. Bills that I am a co-sponsor of that we should move on include: the New York For All Act ([A.5686/S.987](#)), which prohibits local governments from using their resources for federal immigration enforcement; the Dignity Not Detention Act ([A.4354/S.306](#)), which prohibits local jails from renting out space to ICE; and the Access to Representation Act ([A.170/S.999](#)), which establishes the right to legal counsel in immigration court proceedings.

You can call Governor Hochul at 518-474-8390 to express your support for a special session and these bills.

Thanksgiving Turkey Donations

I have been assisting with turkey donations throughout the District and was happy to be at PS 124 with their principal, Valeria Ossa, to participate in their Turkey giveaway for the school community.



Holiday Toy & Coat Drive

My office is collecting toys and coats to be distributed to children during the holiday season.

You can drop off new toys or coats at my District Office - 416 7th Avenue Monday – Friday between 9:30am-4:30pm through Tuesday, December 17th.

The District Office will be closed tomorrow for Thanksgiving and on Friday, but will re-open on Monday, December 2.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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