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Greetings –

I hope everyone made it through last weekend's storm safely and are taking the necessary precautions given this extreme winter weather. Weather aside, this was a very difficult week for the nation and while the State legislature has much work to do in the weeks and months ahead to enact good policy on a host of issues, I believe it is an utmost priority that we address the violence being committed and promoted by the Trump Administration under the pretext of immigration enforcement.

ICE Must Be Abolished

I was horrified by the killing by ICE of Renee Good, but tragically the killing of Alex Pretti was even more shocking. I cannot imagine anyone, regardless of their political beliefs, watching the videos publicly available, concluding anything other than this was an extrajudicial execution.

New York State should absolutely do what is in its capacity to rein in ICE, which is why I fully support [The New York For All Act \(A.3506/S.2235\)](#), [The Dignity Not Detention Act \(A.4181/S.316\)](#), [the Access to Representation Act \(A.270/S.141\)](#) as well as [the Mandating End of Lawless Tactics \(MELT Act - A.8908/S.8462\)](#).

To be clear, ICE is targeting immigrants and immigrant communities and they must be at the forefront of concern, but ICE's lawless and unconstitutional behavior poses a grave threat to all of us and to the rule of law. Ultimately, ICE must be defunded and abolished, its conduct investigated, and those responsible for the violence and harm it has caused across the country, including culpable high-ranking officials, be prosecuted.

Budget Hearings Commence

This week marked the kick-off of the joint Assembly-Senate Budget hearings. At the Education Budget Hearing, I had the opportunity to ask questions of New York State Education Commissioner (SED) Betty Rosa and New York City Chancellor Kamar Samuels. You can watch the exchanges [here](#) and [here](#).



With regards to SED my immediate priority is to ensure that the Center for Dyslexia and Dysgraphia established through my legislation is fully funded. With regards to literacy education my broadly, while I think the State is taking good steps to promote the use of evidence-based practices, I remain committed to seeing New York follow the lead of many States and enshrining best practices in statute as would be achieved through my [Right to Read legislation \(A.78\)](#).

I was glad to hear Chancellor Samuels reaffirm City DOE's commitment to evidence-based literacy practices and necessary screenings to identify struggling readers and provide interventions needed included those with dyslexia. I look forward to working with him going forward to ensure all New York City children can become fluent readers.

I also questioned New York Power Authority (NYPA) President Justin Driscoll at the Environment and Energy Budget Hearing about NYPA's progress in fulfilling the mandate of the Build Public Renewables Act and specifically how funding allocated in the State budget was being utilized. You can watch the exchange [here](#).

With the federal government doubling down on fossil fuels and undermining clean energy, it's all the more important that New York State show leadership when it comes to the clean energy sector and fighting climate change and state action in this area will remain a top priority of mine.

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