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NEW YORK'S FIRST WOMAN ATTORNEY GENERAL ELECTED BY LEGISLATURE

Congratulations to Barbara Underwood on her election by the legislature to the Office of Attorney General of New York State. The election of our first female attorney general represents a milestone in state history. I have long advocated for legislation that advances the women's agenda. During the 2018 legislative session, I helped to secure passage of a legislative package that protects and advances the women of New York State. This year we passed a state budget that implements the nation's most aggressive program to combat sexual harassment, legislation that keeps guns out of the hands of domestic abusers, and a series of bills that addresses a gender gap that holds women back in the labor force. For more information about my fight for the Fair Pay Act: [click here](#).



ORTIZ SUPPORTS VETERANS DURING ARMED FORCES DAY



On Saturday, May 19th, Armed Forces Day, I honored all those who serve and have served this great nation. As a veteran myself, I have supported many veteran initiatives. Throughout the month of May, I have had two bills that help veterans pass the assembly. Bill A-04538A makes it easier for service-connected disabled veterans to obtain deer management permits and bill A-03447 creates an initiative to help with mental illness and chemical dependency of veterans. For more information about my legislations: [click here](#) and [here](#). Our disabled veterans deserve the best, especially after sacrificing for this great nation.

DEMANDING FAIR LABOR RIGHTS FOR FARMWORKERS

New York's farm workers deserve equal rights. Farmworkers are the backbone of New York's massive, multi-billion-dollar agricultural industry; We must protect our farm workers. Under New York's labor law, farmworkers are excluded from the rights to overtime pay, a day to rest per week, and worker's compensation when injured on the job. For more information on Farmworker's Fair Labor Rights: [click here](#).

Often, workers do not report crimes because of fear of deportation. My bill, A.8776, prevents state and local law enforcement agencies from acting as agents of Immigration and Custom Enforcement, making New York a sanctuary state for everyone. It is important to protect our immigrant residents. We want them to be able to reach out to law enforcement officers when they are victim of a crime or a witness of a crime without fearing deportation. For more information about this bill: [click here](#).



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