



Assembly Member  
**HARVEY  
EPSTEIN**



74<sup>TH</sup> ASSEMBLY DISTRICT • REPORTS TO THE PEOPLE • SUMMER 2022

Dear Neighbor,

I hope you have enjoyed your summer. I wanted to recap for you what we did during the 2022 session, including the extraordinary session that was called to address the Supreme Court's attacks on our century-old gun safety law, and the repeal of Roe v. Wade.

I also want to invite you to another shredding event I am hosting on Monday September 12th from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM on the Avenue B Open Street between 13th and 14th.

See you around the district,

Harvey

## Our Victories in 2022

I was proud to be the primary sponsor on the following bills that passed both houses:

- Creating the first ever regulation of the immigration bond sector to end predatory practices - The Stop Immigration Bond Abuse (SIMBA) Act (A7770, Epstein)
- Ending transcript withholding so students can advance in their education and careers (A6938, Epstein)
- Streamlining access to the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program to enable more New Yorkers to have their student loan debt forgiven (A9523, Epstein)
- Making it easier for homeowners to install electric vehicle charging stations on their property (A6165, Epstein)
- Ensuring New Yorkers mandated to attend substance use treatment programs can participate in non-religious programs (A8163, Epstein)



- Expanding access to civil legal services (A4938, Epstein)
- Providing epilepsy patients information to stay healthy (A3298, Epstein)
- Enhancing access to job opportunities for people with disabilities (A8599, Epstein)

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# STUDENT METROCARD RALLY

HOSTED BY ASSEMBLY MEMBER HARVEY EPSTEIN'S 74TH DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCIL



**WE DEMAND EXTENDED STUDENT METROCARD HOURS AND FREE WEEKEND SWIPES!**



RSVP BY EMAILING [DISTRICT74@NYASSEMBLY.GOV](mailto:DISTRICT74@NYASSEMBLY.GOV)

**WED, SEP 7, 2022  
11:00 AM**



**LOCATED AT CITY HALL PARK: ENTER ON PARK ROW OR BROADWAY**

I am also happy to report many bills I supported passed both houses, including:

- Strengthening the 2019 Red Flag law by expanding those who can file an Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) (A10502)
- Establishing a database to track guns that have been unlawfully purchased or trafficked outside the state (A1023-A)
- Protecting health care practitioners from professional discipline based solely on providing reproductive health services to patients in other states (A9687-B)
- Prohibit medical malpractice insurance companies from taking any adverse action against a reproductive health care provider who provides reproductive health related services that are legal in New York on an individual from another state, including providers that legally prescribe medication to an out of state patient through telemedicine (A.9718-B)

# Extraordinary Session



In June, the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*, returning the authority to regulating abortion to states as well as finding unconstitutional a New York law intended to restrict carrying firearms in public. These are devastating opinions from the conservative majority that controls the Supreme Court.

Both the right to abortion and gun control are widely popular among Americans. It's appalling to watch the Supreme Court whittle away popular protections people badly want and need.

In New York, we are fighting back. At the end of June, we returned to Albany to vote on legislation to seriously limit the locations in which guns can be legally carried. We also built on the state's track record of protecting access to abortion by voting to enshrine right to abortion in the State Constitution. The constitutional amendment must pass again next session, and then you will have a chance to vote on it.

## Constituent Service Spotlight: Harvey Helps!

### ***Assisting with NYCHA-related repairs***

- A NYCHA resident was facing extreme damage in her apartment, including a giant hole in her ceiling where pests were coming through.
- Once Harvey's team was made aware of this uninhabitable condition we immediately contacted NYCHA.
- With a warning of an inspection from the Department of Health, Harvey was able to get NYCHA to address the repairs and begin immediate repairs to the hole which to date has been sealed and plastered.

### ***Receiving Unclaimed Funds***

- A constituent contacted our office seeking assistance retrieving unclaimed funds after his bank closed his account without warning.
- However, the constituent could not find the information on any agency or banking website.
- Harvey's team contacted the New York State Comptroller's office, who was able to track down the dollar amount and within a month of contacting our office and Harvey's team investigating, the constituent received his unclaimed funds.

### ***Teaching License***

- An educator from one of the local schools in the district had been attempting to get their teaching license for several months, close to a year with no approval or follow up from the New York State Education Department (NYSED).
- After reaching out to our office, Harvey's team was able to get their teacher ID information and all appropriate documents, and contact representatives at NYSED to finally get movement on the educator's pending license.
- Within one week, Harvey's team was able to sort out and resolve issues for the applicant and finally get their teaching license issued to them.

**Remember,** if you are one of Harvey's constituents, he is here with a team to help you through issues you may be having. Harvey's team is here to help resolve, recommend, or make referrals when appropriate to help get you to a solution.

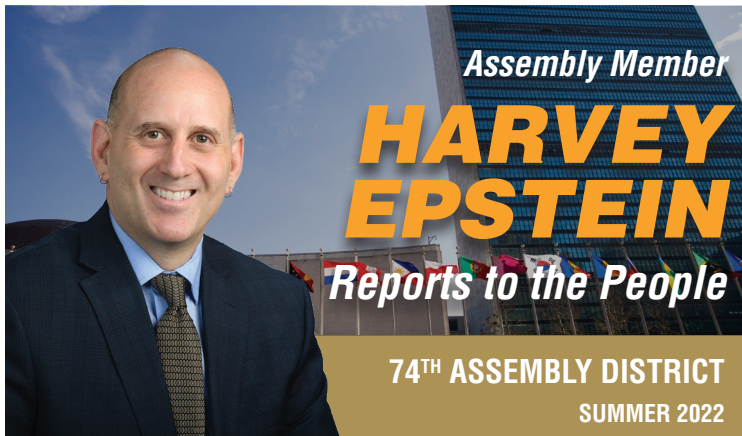
If you live in NYCHA and are in need of repairs, always contact our office with your ticket numbers which you receive by calling the Customer Contact Center 718-707-7771.

If you do not live in NYCHA, but have a housing related repair issue, street issues, or non emergency related matter, please contact 311 first and provide us with a service request number (if applicable).

If you applied for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program through OTDA, provide us with your application number and we can check in on the status of your application.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Clothing and Toiletries Drive - September 7th @ 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

We are partnering with PS 188 The Island School for a clothing and toiletry drive. We are asking for donations of:  
*New underwear and sweats for kids • Gently used clothing for adults and kids • Sheets • Towels • Unopened toiletries*  
Please drop off items at PS 188 the Island School • 442 E Houston Street, New York, NY 10002

### **Shredding Event**

#### **September 12th: 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

We're hosting a paper shredding event on the Avenue B Open Street between 13th and 14th.  
• **No electronics or batteries, paper only** •

Please call 212-979-9696 or email [epsteinh@nyassembly.gov](mailto:epsteinh@nyassembly.gov) with any questions.