



SENATOR JIM ALESI



Community Update 03/07/12

Senator Alesi Honors Local Firefighters and Safety Officers



Senator Alesi attends the Honeoye Falls Fire Department's Annual Banquet on Saturday, March 3, 2012.

Over the weekend, I had the privilege of attending some of our community fire departments' annual banquets to honor a number of local volunteer and career firefighters, and safety officers. Please visit my [Facebook Page](#) or my [website](#) to view a list of the individuals recognized at the Saint Paul Boulevard Fire Association's 88th Annual Installation Banquet, Honeoye Falls Fire Department's Annual Banquet, East Rochester Fire Department's Annual Banquet and Rush Fire Department's 2012 Past Officers Banquet. I hope you join me in thanking these selfless individuals who risk their lives on a daily basis to protect our community.

Senate Passes Legislation Prohibiting Harmful Levels of Toxics in Children's Jewelry

The New York State Senate yesterday passed a bill I sponsored that would prohibit the sale of children's jewelry which may contain harmful levels of cadmium and other hazardous substances. The bill ([S.4055A](#)) protects children from accidentally ingesting cadmium, often used in inexpensive charm bracelets, pendants and other jewelry.

Cadmium is a known carcinogen, which can hinder brain development in children and cause kidney, lung and intestinal damage. A 2009 report by the Associated Press (AP) found that Chinese manufacturers have been substituting cadmium for lead to make inexpensive jewelry which is then being sold by retailers in New York and other states. While lead is toxic to children at high exposure, cadmium has been linked to potential health issues at lower

exposures.

It is everyone's responsibility to protect our children, especially from products containing hazardous substances. This bill takes an important step to prevent the sale of items that could cause accidental and unnecessary exposure and severe health effects. Read the full release [here](#) and an article in the Penfield Post [here](#).

National MS Week Begins March 12th



During National Multiple Sclerosis Week, communities across the country will come together to share their stories and take action to increase awareness about the disease. It is important for us to continue to educate the community on this disabling disease in an effort to direct additional resources toward the diagnostic treatment of Multiple Sclerosis.

Earlier this month, a representative from the [National Multiple Sclerosis Society](#) visited my office to discuss advocacy issues important to the organization. Since first being elected to public office, I have been a strong supporter of the programs and services offered by the National MS Society, and in the past, have been fortunate to secure state funding for state-wide and local initiatives.

For a brochure from the National MS Society Upstate New York Chapter, please contact my office at (585) 223-1800.

Video Footage from the Week in Albany:

Senator Alesi Discusses CPR and Emergency Response Efforts with Mercy Flight (click [here](#) to watch the video)

Senator Alesi Speaks with Ann Marie Cook from Lifespan of Rochester on the Topic of Elder Abuse Prevention (click [here](#) to watch the video)

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