Senator Robach's Community Connection



Legislatively Speaking

Recently, the New York State Senate passed legislation that I am proud to sponsor, which would increase the penalties for criminals who commit crimes against children on the computer.

The dramatic increase in the use of computers, and ever-increasing interconnection through the Internet and other networks, have fundamentally altered the types of crimes that can be committed and the ease with which individuals can be victimized. Most notably, the anonymity of cyberspace is the perfect medium for Predatory crimes against vulnerable individuals.

This legislation would increase current penalties for such crimes and classify them as felonies.

For more information on this new legislation, log onto my website at robach.nysenate.gov.

Important Tax Filing Reminder

With less than a month until the tax deadline on Monday, April 15th, I am writing to let you know that if you made less than \$57,000 in 2012, you are eligible to visit www.IRS.gov/freefile to prepare and e-file your federal tax returns online for free. About 100 million Americans, or 70 percent of taxpayers, are eligible.

I encourage you to take advantage of free tax help available through the IRS Free File program. Free File provides access to online tax software that helps you prepare and e-file you federal tax returns – at absolutely no cost. The service is available to everyone who made \$57,000 or less last year. Just visit www.IRS.gov/freefile to get started.

Out and About Upcoming Events

On Wednesday, March 27th, Cancer Services Program will host its 3rd Annual CSP-Monroe County Partnership Appreciation Breakfast from 7:30 until 9:00 a.m. at the Rochester Museum and Science Center.

Thursday, March 28th, Carriage Factory, located at 33 Litchfield Street, will hold a ground breaking ceremony beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Also Thursday, the Greece Chamber of Commerce will hold a networking luncheon from 11:45 a.m. until 1:15 p.m. at Ridgemont Country Club, 3717 W. Ridge Road. The topic of the luncheon will be the 2013 outlook for the hospitality industry in the Rochester area.

On Saturday, March 30th, the Town of Gates will hold an Easter Egg Hunt from 9:45 until 11:30 a.m. at Total Sports Experience, 880 Elmgrove Road.

I wish you and your family a Happy Passover and a Happy Easter in the week ahead!

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