



SENATOR JIM ALESI



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Dear Neighbor,

With the close of the 2012 Legislative Session, I am proud to share with you some key legislation that will not only have a positive impact on the Rochester region, but New York State as a whole. I was pleased to have the opportunity to [address](#) the Senate prior to the close of Session, which was one of the most orderly and successful Sessions in recent history.

Working with Governor Cuomo for the second year in a row we have kept New York moving in a new, stronger, and more positive direction. In addition to reducing taxes and spending – and passing two consecutive on-time budgets – we have also successfully approved a wide array of important new laws over the course of the past two Legislative Sessions. Highlights from the 2012 Legislative Session include:

- [Middle-Class Tax Cut](#): We enacted a \$3.3 billion middle-class tax cut for 4.4 million hardworking, overburdened taxpayers – bringing middle-class tax rates to the lowest level in 58 years.
- [DNA Databank Expansion](#): This landmark crime-fighting law, which will help law

enforcement track down and punish criminals, will carry out the largest expansion of the state's DNA databank since it was first created in 1994.

- [I-STOP](#): This important new law will help save lives, improve public safety, and make New York a national leader in combating prescription drug abuse.
- [Domestic Violence](#): We approved a historic new law to help combat domestic violence - including tough new penalties for offenders, and stronger protections for victims.

To view a complete summary of 2012 legislative action, please click [here](#).

I was also proud to Sponsor a number of bills that passed the Senate this Session, including "[CPR in Schools](#)" legislation and a [bill](#) to protect children from harmful toxins in jewelry. For more information about these and other bills, I encourage you to visit my [website](#).

I look forward to continuing to work hard on behalf of my constituents and wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer. If I may be of assistance to you with any state government matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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