



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Jeffrey D. Klein

Senate Passes Klein Bill to Strengthen Green Markets/ Increase Access to New York Grown Products

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The State Senate Tuesday unanimously passed legislation sponsored by Senator Jeffrey D. Klein, (D-Bronx/ Westchester), that would expand local and regional green markets, like those in the greater Bronx area, and increase access to New York State grown fruits and vegetables.

The bill, (S.627) allows the New York State Urban Development Corp. and the Empire State Development Corp. to be able to provide loans and grants that can be used to build, expand and refurbish green markets that encourage the sale of New York-grown produce. They currently do not have that authority.

“This is a win-win,” Senator Klein said. “My legislation would both expand the availability of inexpensive produce in our communities, while at the same time creating more avenues for upstate farmers to sell their products.”

There are more than 20 green markets in the Bronx, many of which open for the season next month.

The bill is pending in the Assembly.

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