



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Senator Squadron Statement in Support of Governor's Call for Food Stamp Access and Campaign Finance Reform

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### **Senator: Bills Ready for Immediate Passage**

ALBANY -- Today, State Senator Daniel Squadron released the following statement in response to Governor Cuomo's State of the State address:

In his State of the State address, the Governor laid out a vision to build on the progress of the past year and continue to move New York forward.

Two priorities in particular that he laid out are ready for immediate passage.

[S740 \[Squadron\]](#) / [A5303 \[Wright\]](#) would accomplish the Governor's goal to end the practice of fingerprinting food stamp recipients. I urge Senator Skelos to immediately bring it to a vote.

The Governor was also clear: we must pass campaign finance reform this year.

For government to serve New Yorkers and for New Yorkers to have faith in government, we must change the way Albany does business -- creating a more accountable and effective government by reforming our campaign finance system.

Along with a system of public financing, the following bills I carry would answer the Governor's call:

- S44, which would lower contribution limits for statewide candidates from \$55,800 to \$10,000, for Senate candidates from \$15,500 to \$4,800, and for Assembly candidates from \$7,600 to \$4,800;
- S37, which would begin to put a stop to pay-to-play by significantly limiting contributions from lobbyists to \$250 per candidate per election;
- S30, which would limit contributions from LLCs to the same \$5000 limit as corporations;
- S876, which would creating a campaign finance enforcement unit within the State and make the office of the campaign finance enforcement counsel a four-year term;
- and S101, which would create more transparency and accountability when it comes to corporate contributions.

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