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## Senator Klein Announces Launch of Annual Earth Day Poster Contest

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**BRONX, NY**– Senator Jeff Klein (D-Bronx/Westchester) announced the launch of the New York State Senate’s Annual Earth Day Poster Contest. Students from across the Bronx and Westchester are encouraged to participate in this statewide competition.

To celebrate and honor Earth Day, the New York State Senate is sponsoring a poster contest for the fifth year in a row. Children in grades **Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade** are eligible. The theme of this year’s Earth Day celebration is “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.” The winning posters will be displayed on Senator Klein’s website and the participants will receive a certificate acknowledging their participation. **Students wishing to participate in this year’s event must submit their entry by April 11, 2014 via Senator Klein’s website: [www.klein.nysenate.gov](http://www.klein.nysenate.gov).**

Students are encouraged not only to be creative in their project, but also to convey a real commitment to making the environment a better place.

**Senator Klein (D-Bronx/Westchester) said:** “This is a fun way to raise awareness and teach our children about the importance of preserving a healthy, clean, and safe environment. The more we educate our young people about these issues, the more likely they are to support important environmental causes as adults.”

Since the first Earth Day was celebrated in 1970, over 20 million Americans have participated, helping to improve the quality of air we breathe and the water we drink. In addition, landmark legislation has been passed to help support this effort, such as the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act and the Endangered Species Act.