



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Community Update: Week Ending 10-15-10

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provide care where their assistance is often life-saving.

Earlier this year, the Senate passed the Violence Against Nurses bill which makes assaulting a registered nurse (RN) or licensed practical nurse (LPN) a felony. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, about 500,000 nurses are victims of workplace violence every year, resulting in RNs and LPNs suffering from the highest proportion of workplace injuries in the healthcare field. Providing for a felony charge against those who assault an RN or LPN will encourage employers to address violence that might occur in the workplace. This bill is a positive step for the increased safety of all nurses.

local organizations dedicated to assisting and protecting victims of domestic violence.

Earlier this year the New York State Senate voted to expel Senator Hiram Monserrate after he was convicted of domestic violence. As a former Chairman of the Senate Ethics Committee, I was asked to serve as a member of the Special Committee on Ethics established by the Senate to investigate the matter.

Senator Monserrate's egregious misconduct and arrest for assaulting his girlfriend warranted serious sanctions. Perpetrators of domestic violence must be held accountable which is why I voted for expulsion. I have long been involved with anti-violence groups and organizations and