



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Senator Velmanette Montgomery's Albany Pulse

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*Senator Montgomery is joined by Sex and the City star Cynthia Nixon who traveled to the New York's State Capitol to urge lawmakers to pass a marriage equality bill. Senator Montgomery, a long-time supporter of marriage equality, noted that the bill has been approved by the Assembly. "Ms. Nixon and other proponents of the bill have helped us close a vote gap in the Senate in a very short period of time but as of today, the bill is still one vote shy of victory."*

### MONTGOMERY BILL REQUIRING GREATER TRANSPARENCY IN GOVERNMENT SPENDING

Would you like to know how much money NYS is spending in your community and what groups are receiving the support? If Senator Montgomery's bill is signed into law, you will have this information and more! **Under the Senator's bill (S.372-A/A.7993-A), all state agencies will be required to report with much greater specificity on how state resources are spent.** This accounting would be compiled and reported by zip code, types and value of state grants awarded, and by the name of community-based organizations receiving the financial assistance. This reporting method is intended to help create transparency in departmental spending and enable citizens to track the allocation of state dollars earmarked for the betterment of their communities. **Assemblywoman Inez Barron is the sponsor of the bill in the Assembly.**