



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## SENATE ACTS FIRST ON ANTI-HEROIN PACKAGE

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# JOINT SENATE TASK FORCE ON **HEROIN AND OPIOID** **ADDICTION**

The New York State Senate gave its approval tonight to a series of anti-heroin initiatives I'm proud to co-sponsor to respond to the growing heroin crisis across the Southern Tier and Finger Lakes regions, and statewide. The legislation is scheduled to be approved by the Assembly later tonight or tomorrow.

The measures have been agreed to by Governor Andrew Cuomo and will be signed into law.

It culminates a bipartisan legislative effort started in early April by the Senate Task Force on Heroin and Opioid Addiction, on which I served as a member.

We've worked together to quickly respond to one of the most alarming public health and safety threats that we've ever faced. We've worked together on this comprehensive effort to

try to save lives and prevent more heroin-related tragedies regionally and across the state.

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