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Dear Neighbor,

As your representative in the New York State Senate, I have worked to develop legislative solutions to address issues and concerns important to my constituents, our state and our nation.

In response to public health concerns and to address disparities in New York, I have spearheaded the campaign to stem the spread of HIV/AIDS among intravenous drug users through **legalized needle exchange programs**; and authored laws to **prohibit female genital mutilation, and expand the scope of practice and licensure for nurse practitioners in New York State to address the shortage of primary care doctors.**

As an advocate for criminal justice reform, I have **authored laws to remove barriers by prohibiting licensing agencies from disqualifying someone from licensure as a barber or cosmetologist solely on the basis of a criminal conviction; authored a law that prohibits the shackling of a pregnant woman in prison while being transported to the hospital to deliver her baby.**

I am so thankful to my constituents for their suggestions for new legislation. I am proud to sponsor laws that are a direct result of constituent input such as the “**The Blair Bill,**” a law that **expands the protection of guide and service dogs was sponsored on behalf of Eric Blair and “The Community Board Bill”** which originated from discussions with Community Board 6 members and was signed into law to **allow community boards throughout the five boroughs of New York City to apply for and receive brownfield opportunity area grants.**

I welcome your thoughts and ideas for new legislation. Please do not hesitate to contact my office if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Senator Velmanette Montgomery

25th Senate District

