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Senator Kevin Parker Speaks Out for People with Autism

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Dear Friend,

As you may know, Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASDs) are the fastest growing developmental disability in the United States. It is estimated there are approximately one million people in the U.S. affected with Autism.

ASDs are very complex disorders and the needs of individuals vary greatly. Autism is a life-long disability for many affected individuals. After 50 years of research, traditional and contemporary approaches are enabling us to understand and treat ASDs. Many parents and professionals are beginning to realize the symptoms of Autism and seek treatment. There are also many early interventions that can make a significant difference in enhancing the lives of those affected.

National Autism Awareness Month is celebrated each April. I proposed legislation that will significantly enhance services to individuals affected by Autism. The bills include the creation of a registry to help find individuals with Autism when they go missing; allowing therapy dogs for people with ASDs to enter public places and transportation; defining a bill of rights for persons with Autism or ASDs; and providing a tax credit for money expended on the care of a qualifying disabled child including children with ASDs. I look forward to working with all of my colleagues to pass this comprehensive legislative package.

I hope that you find this information about Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASDs) to be both helpful and informative. As always, please feel free to contact my district office at (718) 629-6401 if I or my staff can be of any assistance.

Yours in Partnership,

Kevin Parker

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