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Community Update: Legislative Update and Upcoming Budget Forum

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Dear Friends:

There are less than seven weeks remaining in the legislative session, and we have much work to do. In recent weeks, the Senate has passed a number of bills to improve the lives of New Yorkers.

Last week I was pleased that two of my bills which enhance consumer protections passed the Senate. One bill, S.3467A, improves consumer protections surrounding gift cards, and the

other, S.134, provides protections for consumers when they close their bank accounts. In addition, this week we passed a package of bills to enhance protections for the environment, to protect public health, and to mitigate climate change. Read more about the package of bills adopted in the sections below.

New York State is making great strides toward vaccinating all eligible New Yorkers. All those 16 years of age and over, who live or work in New York, are eligible for the Covid-19 vaccine. Only Pfizer is approved for those between 16 and 18 years of age. Additional information about our progress is included below.

In the last two weeks, I have hosted two forums on the New York State budget, one with Assemblymember Otis and one with Assemblymember Burdick. I also hosted an environmental forum on New York State and local efforts to mitigate climate change.

As always, if there is anything my office can assist you with, please don't hesitate to email me at smayer@nysenate.gov or call (914) 934-5250.

Warm regards,

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