



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Community Update: Ukraine, Info Session on Con Ed Bills & More

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Dear Friends,

As we continue to hear the horrific news of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, I pray for the safety of the friends and family of our neighbors in the Ukrainian-American community. Last weekend, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins and I met with members of the Westchester Ukrainian-American community and attended mass at St. Michael the Archangel Ukrainian Catholic Church in Yonkers.

We committed to doing all we could within our authority to assist the Ukrainian people. To that end, I have signed onto Senator Elijah Reichlin-Melnick's bill, the "[Stop Russian Aggression Act](#)," to block the awarding of New York State contracts to any company conducting business in Russia. In addition, this legislation instructs the New York State Comptroller to begin the process of divesting the state retirement system pension fund from any investment in companies that do business in Russia. More about this below.

Also below, please find updates related to the recent spike in energy bills, new rules on masks in schools, an update on the New York State budget which is due by March 31, and legislative action to provide relief to those affected by Hurricane Ida and flooding.

As always, if there is anything my office can assist you with, email me at smayer@nysenate.gov or call (914) 934-5250.

Warm regards,

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[Read the full community update here.](#)