



## SENATOR JIM ALESI



### Community Update 03/14/12

#### **Senator Alesi Legislation to Strengthen Megan's Law Passes Senate**

On Wednesday, the Senate passed a bill I sponsored, [S.1927](#), that makes it a Class E felony for a sex offender to submit fraudulent information regarding his or her identity or residence when registering or verifying under the Sex Offender Registration Act (Megan's Law).

Due to the extremely serious nature of these types of crimes and the potential dangers that are created when the registry information is incorrect, it is essential that the registry remain accurate so as to be as effective as possible in protecting the public. Without accurate information being given to the registry, the law becomes unenforceable.

In Monroe County, a sex offender required to register under Megan's Law circumvented the law by giving a false address to the registry. The man, who failed to properly register, had been previously convicted of raping a Rochester girl and served three years in prison for his offense. When released from prison, he was given the highest risk rating possible. He first registered with the sex offender registry in 1996, but it was discovered that he had intentionally deceived law enforcement personnel and had broken the law until 2001, when his renewal form was returned as undeliverable after it was sent to the wrong address.

This measure will send a strong message that engaging in fraud related to the sex offender registry in any way will simply not be tolerated. We must make every effort to eliminate attempts to dilute the purpose of effectiveness of Megan's Law or to use it as a tool to defame an innocent person.

The bill will be sent to the Assembly.



## Senate Passes 2012-13 Budget Resolution



Dear Neighbor,

On Monday the Senate passed its new State Budget resolution for 2012-13 that controls state spending, avoids new taxes, fees and unfunded mandates and helps create new jobs. At just under \$132.5 billion, the Senate Budget keeps the total state spending increase below two percent, and spends slightly less than the Executive Budget. The budget closes a \$2 billion budget deficit and builds on last year's successes in putting the state's fiscal house in order.

The Senate Budget is a solid, fiscally responsible plan that achieves three of my top priorities of controlling spending, cutting taxes and helping businesses create new jobs and these three goals will remain my key objectives as we now begin negotiating a final Budget with the Assembly and Governor Cuomo.

The Budget Resolution also provides additional aid to schools, more mandate relief for localities, tuition help for middle-class families and relief from property taxes and prescription drug prices for seniors – all in addition to a comprehensive [job creation plan](#).

As the effort to enact another on-time, fiscally responsible budget continues over the next several weeks, I will work to keep you well informed and up-to-date on my [website](#).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style. It is positioned above a thick, solid red horizontal bar that spans the width of the page.

## Household Appliance Rebate Program Begins March 19<sup>th</sup>



\$3.5 million in federal funds (U.S. Department of Energy’s State Energy Program funds) will be available to New York residents starting March 19<sup>th</sup> who purchase high-efficiency ENERGY STAR refrigerators and clothes washers. Applications for the “Buy Green, Save Green NYS High-Efficiency Appliance Rebate Program” will be available via [www.NYSApplianceRebates.com](http://www.NYSApplianceRebates.com) or by calling 1-877-NY-SMART (877-697-6278). Rebates of \$350 will be available on a first-come, first-served basis for high-efficiency refrigerators and rebates of \$250 for high-efficiency clothes washers that meet [Consortium for Energy Efficiency](#) (CEE) super-efficiency levels. A list of refrigerators and clothes washers that are eligible for rebates will be available [here](#).

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