



SENATOR JIM ALESI



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Senator Alesi Joins Governor Cuomo to Unveil Supercomputer for Health Research



Senator Alesi joins Governor Cuomo and local officials at the ribbon cutting. Last year, the Finger Lakes Council chose the HSCCI as one of its priority projects and received \$5 million in funding toward its completion.

On Friday, I was proud to join Governor Cuomo at the [ribbon cutting](#) for the Health Sciences Center for Computational Innovation (HSCCI) – a new partnership joining together two of New York's largest employers and economic leaders - the University of Rochester and IBM. The event unveiled one of the world's most powerful supercomputers for health research – a priority project of the Finger Lakes Regional Economic Development Council last year. As Chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Economic Development, and Small Business, I recognize the tremendous value that state funding for this project will have on economic growth and job creation in our area. Furthermore, this project will enhance Rochester's position as an international leader in health research.

The Center for Governmental Research, through a report commissioned by the University of Rochester, anticipates that HSCCI will create 900 jobs at the University of Rochester and in the community, generate approximately \$50 million in economic benefits, and bring over \$205 million in new research funding over the next 10 years. The jobs will be created through a combination of new faculty and staff for the Center, increased research funding and expansion of industry, and academic partnerships with companies that utilize HSCCI's supercomputers.

Again, as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Economic Development, and

Small Business, I was proud to work with Governor Cuomo and Lt. Gov. Duffy to put forth recommendations to create the 10 Economic Regional Development Councils last year. Centered in Rochester, the Finger Lakes Council has allowed for local leaders in business and academia to have direct input into how our local economy is shaped – applying their expertise to our region.

For additional information, please click [here](#).

New Law to Expand DNA Databank Takes Effect



August 1, 2012 was the effective date for the new "All Crimes DNA Law" – a law which will dramatically strengthen and expand New York State's crime-fighting DNA database. The law, passed by the Legislature in March, makes New York the first state in the nation to require the collection of DNA samples from anyone convicted of any felony or penal law misdemeanor.

Under the new law, which I was proud to support in the Senate, thousands of additional criminals will have to submit a DNA sample upon their conviction. This will provide police officers and district attorneys with the additional tools they need to help solve hundreds of unsolved "cold-cases" and bring justice to crime victims, while also preventing thousands of future crimes from occurring.

This is a victory for all New Yorkers who are concerned about protecting our communities and keeping our loved ones safe and free from harm. It is also another excellent example of how much can be accomplished when New Yorkers work together toward a common goal.

For additional information on the new law, I encourage you to click [here](#) to visit my website.

Good Luck Abby Wambach and Team USA!

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