December 1, 2011

Dear

 I am writing today because I believe strongly in the idea of an educated, informed, and active citizenry. I believe that in order to achieve this we must start with our youth. I am sponsoring a program in which I am encouraging each student in the 4th and 5th grade in the Seventh Senate District to submit their idea for a piece of legislation. All submissions will be reviewed as we move into the 2012 Legislative Session.

 I am enclosing a copy of a brochure that outlines the process of how a bill becomes a law. This brochure is also available on my website at, [www.martins.nysenate.gov](http://www.martins.nysenate.gov). I will be accepting submissions from January 2, 2012 through February 2, 2012. Should you wish to participate in this program please let my office know by December 29, 2011. In addition, time permitting it would be my pleasure to visit your classroom and meet with the students to discuss, in person, how a bill becomes a law.

 It is my hope that through this program the students will learn not only about the legislative process but get an understanding for the importance of civic involvement at every level of government. Please do not hesitate to reach out to my district office at, 516-746-5924, with any questions regarding this program.

 Sincerely,

 JACK M. MARTINS

 Senator