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Senator Jose Peralta
13th Senate District
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Dear Friend,

In the past 12 months, we delivered historic programs that benefit us all, from free college tuition for working- and middle-class families, \$10 million legal defense fund for immigrants, to passing Paid Family Leave. Additionally, I secured more than \$5 million in state allocations to fund our local schools and nonprofit organizations, groups that provide crucial services for our communities. The road ahead is full of hurdles, but together we will overcome any obstacles to improve our quality of life and build stronger communities.

During 2017, my office opened almost 1,800 constituent cases, a record number. Your concerns are at the core of our work. From requesting streetlights and extra garbage pickups to ensuring tenants receive the necessary protections, all cases are extremely important. As a lifelong Democrat, public service is my passion, and representing you in the New York State Senate is truly an honor.

In light of the increasing number of constituents seeking housing and immigration assistance, I allocated state funding and partnered with the CUNY School of Law Community Legal Resource Network to provide free legal services to the people in Senatorial District 13. Furthermore, this month my office and the nonprofit Urban Upbound teamed up and launched a service to provide free tax preparation for you. To make an appointment, please call (718)784-0877.

As I see my constituents struggle to reach the American Dream, I am leading the charge to defend them from the racist attacks on the national level. The people I proudly represent are part of my extended family. Because I have a seat at the table, I am able to deliver critical resources to my community. My focus will continue to be bringing services, along with working on closing the \$4.4 billion State Budget deficit, funding our public schools, and the deteriorated public transit system.

Legislatively, we have achieved tremendous victories from passing and signing my bill requiring the Metropolitan Transportation Authority to study lead paint levels in elevated subway structures, to building a 300-seat Pre-K school by the New York Hall of Science. It is my hope that the New York State Assembly, for example, follows the Senate and approves my bill, which would suspend a driver's license for those convicted of two speeding violations in a school zone within an 18-month period.

If you need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my office at (718) 205-3881.

Sincerely,



Senator Jose Peralta



Some of the state funding I helped secure:

Local Schools:

- **P.S. 69: \$100,000** to upgrade the public address system.
- **P.S. 89: \$100,000** to upgrade the school's auditorium and \$140,000 for 44 new air conditioning units.
- **I.S. 141: \$105,000** for several upgrades, including the beautification of a garden.
- **I.S. 145: \$300,000** for a new air conditioning system.
- **I.S. 227: \$250,000** for upgrades in the electrical system in all classrooms.
- **P.S. 19: \$250,000** to modernize its auditorium.
- **Lexington School for the Deaf: \$119,000** to replace a 4,500 square-foot portion of the school's roof.
- **P.S. 13: \$10,000** for the purchase of laptops and smartboards.
- **P.S. 16: \$15,000** for the purchase of laptops and smartboards.
- **I.S. 61: \$10,000** for the purchase of laptops and smartboards.
- **I.S. 230: \$15,000** for the purchase of laptops and smartboards.
- **P.S. 330: \$15,000** for the purchase of laptops and smartboards.
- **P.S. 228: \$15,000** for the purchase of laptops and smartboards.

Community-based Organizations:

- **\$150,000** for the **Queens District Attorney's Office** to support crime victims.
- **\$75,000** for the **Association of Community Employment Programs for the Homeless** to provide job training and work experience for the homeless.
- **\$75,000** for the **Neighborhood Housing Services of Queens**.
- **\$50,000** for **Her Justice** to offer legal services to women in need.
- **\$50,000** for **Apicha Community Center** to expand its services to Jackson Heights.
- **\$150,000** for **Big Brothers Big Sisters**.
- **\$50,000** for **Emerald Isle Immigration Center**.
- **\$60,000** for the **Queens Library**.
- **\$50,000** for the **Center for the Integration and Advancement of New Americans**.