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**A 2021 Legislative Update**



**Assemblyman  
Joe DeStefano**

# So what does the 2021 Legislative Session mean to you?

This past Legislative session was an important moment in history to serve and fight for our community in the state Assembly. I'm proud of the work we've done this year that helped move us from a pandemic emergency to recovery.

## What I Am Proud To Support For Our Community:

- ✓ Requires all nursing homes to meet safe staffing levels and requires hospitals to establish clinical staffing committees to ensure proper care for residents and patients. (A.7119) (A.108-B)
- ✓ Establishes "Nourish New York" as a permanent program which provides surplus agricultural products to food relief organizations. (A.5781-A)
- ✓ Designates our frontline emergency operators and dispatchers as "First Responders." (A.07366-A)

## I Could Not Support Initiatives That Hurt Our Community:

- ✗ Restores voting rights for former prisoners who were released with a felony conviction. (A.4448-A)
- ✗ Raises taxes by \$3.7 billion in 2022 and \$4.4 billion in 2023 and sent one-time unemployment checks for the undocumented up to \$15,600. (A-3009-C)
- ✗ Far exceeds the 2% spending cap self-imposed by the Governor over all governmental entities, accomplished within the state budget.



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