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Kimberly Jean-Pierre

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Dear Neighbor,

As we move into the holiday season, it's a great time to reflect on our legislative accomplishments over the past year. My colleagues and I were able to pass several of my bills to crack down on housing discrimination, help out underserved libraries, bolster youth education in juvenile correctional facilities and expand foreign language options for child care provider applications. Additionally, we passed a budget increasing funding for universal Pre-K and anti-gun violence programs like SNUG. I was also honored to be elected as Chair of the Women's Legislative Caucus and appointed Chair of the Assembly Libraries and Education Technology Committee.

This year was a busy one for all of us, and I spent time setting up COVID-19 vaccination sites and helping people make vaccine appointments, distributing personal protective equipment (PPE) and sanitizing items and holding roundtable talks on gun violence and antisemitism.

I hope you and your loved ones have a festive and bright holiday season. I look forward to continuing to represent our community in the new year.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Jean-Pierre

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supported measures to improve the quality of life for Suffolk County residents

To combat housing discrimination, Jean-Pierre helped pass legislation to:

- establish a hotline for New Yorkers to report housing discrimination and require realtors to post the number publicly (A.2300-C);
- increase penalties for discrimination and direct a portion of those funds to the Anti-discrimination in Housing Fund (A.6866);
- implement statewide fair housing testing through a surcharge on broker and agent licensing fees (A.5363);
- require realtors to undergo additional training on fair housing and discrimination (A.1760); and
- require real estate brokers to receive training in cultural competency (A.844).

Jean-Pierre supported New York public libraries by passing measures to:

- increase the percentage of total funds appropriated to a library system from 10% to 50% (Ch. 627 of 2021);
- ensure library trustees better represent their community by requiring them to complete a trustee education course annually that addresses the financial oversight, accountability and fiduciary responsibilities and the general power and duties of library trustees (Ch. 468 of 2021);
- extend the library construction aid eligibility period for library construction projects as well as streamline and modernize public library and library system aid formula language (Ch. 563 of 2021); and
- require publishers to offer licenses for electronic books to libraries to help reduce financial restrictions and increase accessibility (A.5837-B).



She also passed legislation to protect vulnerable populations, including:

- expand access to mammograms for incarcerated individuals (A.2147);
- ensure youth in juvenile correctional facilities who participate in educational programs are able to receive high school diplomas (A.7576); and
- require the state Office of Children and Family Services to expand the availability of forms and applications for child care providers in multiple languages (Ch. 145 of 2021).

She also helped pass a budget providing:

- \$3.1 billion for schools, including \$105 million for universal Pre-K;
- \$94.2 million for public libraries; and
- \$144,000 for SNUG anti-gun violence programs.

In September, Assemblywoman Jean-Pierre successfully pushed for New York State to allow an extension of the Emergency COVID-19 Certificate Program, which was created to combat obstacles preventing educators from seeking certification and recertification during the COVID-19 pandemic. The deadline was extended from Sept. 1, 2021 to Sept. 1, 2022.

Assemblywoman Jean-Pierre also attended and helped set up many community events over the past year; this included pop-up COVID-19 vaccination sites, roundtable discussions regarding gun violence and antisemitism and collection drives for food, back-to-school materials and hygiene items.

