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Greetings --

Over the last number of weeks many important pieces of legislation have been passed by the State Assembly. Recently, the Assembly passed two constitutional amendments to the New York State Constitution. The amendments will expand access to absentee ballot voting and allow for [same-day voter registration](#). I am proud to have been the prime sponsor of the constitutional amendment, to allow for same-day voter registration in New York, [A.502](#).

With the passage of this amendment and its hopeful ratification by New York voters in November, New Yorkers will now be able to register to vote all the way through election day. Prior to this amendment, the State Constitution required that voters register at least 10 days prior to an election. This change will do away with that antiquated rule and make it easier for New Yorkers to exercise their right to vote. If affirmed by New Yorkers in November, New York will join 20 other states and Washington D.C. in enacting same-day voter registration. The other amendment that was passed allows New Yorkers to request an absentee ballot without having to state a formal reason for their request. Previously, a voter had to meet certain eligibility requirements (i.e. being out of state or sick) to be eligible for an absentee ballot. With this amendment New Yorkers will now be able to request an absentee ballot without having to state an excuse.

[Here are my remarks about the bill on the Assembly floor:](#)



Recent Additional Voting Legislation

[A.6046](#) allows voters to request absentee ballots electronically

[A.6047-A](#) allows for the processing of absentee ballots as long as the ballot has been postmarked by election day

Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA)

In 2019, the legislature passed the nation-leading Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, which calls for New York to reduce its greenhouse emissions by 85% by 2050. This ambitious plan tackles the serious problem of climate change and provides guidelines for the state to safely switch over to renewable energy sources. This past week I took part in a public hearing on the implementation of the CLCPA, where I spoke with the commissioner of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the President and CEO of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority about their thoughts on meeting the goals of the CLCPA.

[Please watch my comments on the implementation of CLCPA:](#)



Over the coming month the New York State Legislature is poised to pass important legislation impacting our schools, the environment, small businesses and more. I personally hope to pass a number of my own bills that will make the MTA more accountable to straphangers, make e-bikes and e-scooters more affordable to riders, expand access to senior programs, save utility ratepayers money and more. I will continue to keep you informed about what is happening in Albany as the legislative session continues.

If you have questions about these or any other legislative or constituent matter, please email me at Carrollr@nyassembly.gov or call the district office at [718 788 7221](tel:7187887221).

Stay Safe,

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