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Greetings ---

Last April, I voted against the budget bill that contained the Public Campaign Financing and Election Commission because I believed that the commission's power was too broadly drafted; and thus, 9 un-elected individuals would have the power to change our election laws as they see fit.

That's why this week I joined the Working Families Party and a number of like-minded colleagues in the Assembly and Senate in a lawsuit seeking to assert that the commission's authority be narrowly tailored to the issue of public financing of elections. This argument is legally sound and rightfully emphasizes that the law making authority of the State of New York stay in its rightful place; the State Assembly and Senate. Reforming our elections and getting big money out of our politics is of the utmost importance to me, but an un-elected commission with sweeping authority is not the right way to achieve these goals.

Census 2020 – Stand Up, Get Counted

On April 1, 2020, the federal government will conduct their once-per-decade count of every single American. Every year, over \$400 billion is allocated throughout the country based upon information collected by the United States census.

This census data determines the necessary funding that New York needs for vital programs relating to infrastructure, child services, economic development along with many other programs that impact the daily lives of every New Yorker. It is vitally important that everyone makes their voice heard by making sure that we are all counted in the United States census.

Watch my Public Service Announcement below for more information:



Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act Bill Signing:

Last week I had the honor to join Governor Cuomo and Vice President Al Gore, the State Legislature and activists from around the state and nation to witness the signing of the most comprehensive and aggressive green initiative in the nation.



The Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act sets goals to combat climate change, including reducing greenhouse gas emissions 85% by 2050, producing 70% of the state's electricity from renewable energy systems by 2030 (which came from, A.7832, a piece of my own legislation) and producing 100% of the state's electricity without emissions by 2040. The bill signing was coupled with the announcement of the largest off shore wind farm in the history of North America off the coast of Long Island.

New York is showing it will lead in the face of a federal government that wants to turn the clock back on greening our economy and I am proud to be a part of it.

I hope you are enjoying your summer,

Bobby

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