

#### December 23, 2022

Greetings --

I want to wish everyone a wonderful and safe holiday weekend. With Winter Storm Elliott hitting New York with heavy rain, plummeting temperatures and wind chills as low as 20 below zero, it's important to be as prepared as possible. Here is some information to keep at hand:

In the event of a gas emergency or if you smell gas call 911 or **National Grid**'s 24-hour emergency numbers: for Brooklyn, Queens, and Staten Island at 718-643-4050. To report damage to **Consolidated Edison** call 1-800-752-6633 or online <u>here</u>.

NYC Office of Emergency Management is encouraging New Yorkers experiencing property damage as the result of the storm to report it by filling out a damage assessment form that you can find <u>here</u> or by calling 3-1-1.

As always, if you are experiencing a life-threatening emergency and need immediate assistance, call 9-1-1.

Holidays and storms notwithstanding, I have good news to share and am pleased that Governor Hochul signed two of my bills into law this week.

#### Reducing the Voter Registration Deadline to Constitutional 10 Day Minimum

My bill, (<u>A8858A/S2951A</u>) reduces the voter registration deadline to the constitutional minimum of 10 days. This law will reduce the deadline for voter registration from twenty-five to ten days before an election. Voter registration applications received in person by boards of election ten days before an election will also be accepted. Thirty-one states already have registration deadlines under twenty-five days, eighteen of which offer same day voter registration. This law is a good step to helping ensure that New Yorkers don't face unnecessary obstacles in exercising their right to vote. I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues and voting rights and election reform advocates in making New York State a true model when it comes to fair, transparent, and well administered elections





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# GOVERNOR HOCHUL SIGNS ASSEMBLYMEMBER CARROLL'S BILL (A8858A / S2951A) REDUCING THE VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL 10 DAY MINIMUM

This law would reduce the deadline for voter registration from twenty-five to ten days before an election. Voter registration applications received in person by boards of election ten days before an election would also be accepted. Thirty-one states already have registration deadlines under twenty-five days, eighteen of which offer same day voter registration.

"New York State must ensure that New Yorkers don't face unnecessary obstacles in exercising their right to vote and this legislation, which reduces the voter registration deadline from 25 to the constitutional minimum of 10 days before an election, is a good step. I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues and voting rights and election reform advocates in making New York State a true model when it comes to fair, transparent, and well administered elections." — Assemblymember Robert Carroll prime sponsor of this legislation in the Assembly

### Flood Risk "Right to Know" for Tenants

My bill, <u>A7876-A/S5472-A</u>, establishes a flood risk "right to know" for tenants. In the last ten years, there have been flood disaster declarations in every county in New York State and flooding events are also the most common climate-related hazard in New York. This legislation requires residential leases to include notice of the flood risk and flood history of a leased premises, as well as a notice to tenants of flood insurance available to renters. As flooding becomes more frequent and intense due to climate change we must make sure New Yorkers have the information they need so that they can protect their property and their families. New York State has lagged behind other states when it comes to flood risk foreclosure for tenants and this legislation is an important step forward.





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## GOVERNOR HOCHUL SIGNS ASSEMBLYMEMBER CARROLL'S BILL A7876-A/S5472-A, CREATING A FLOOD RISK 'RIGHT TO KNOW' FOR TENANTS

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"As flooding becomes more frequent and intense due to climate change we must make sure New Yorkers have the information they need to protect their property and their families. New York has lagged behind other states when it comes to flood risk foreclosure for tenants and this legislation is an important step forward. It was my privilege to partner with State Senator Brad Hoylman and the Rise to Resilience Coalition to secure the passage of this legislation and I thank the Governor for signing the bill." — Assemblymember Robert Carroll

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### Holiday Toy Drive with People in Need

Last but not least, thanks to the Scott Klein Team and all of you who donated toys to my toy drive to benefit a child in need. I joined People in Need, a local non-profit on Monday to distribute the toys. It was a wonderful event and I am so grateful to all of you for opening your hearts and helping to make the holiday season a little more special.



If you have any concerns about these or any other legislative or community matter please email me at <u>carrollr@nyassembly.gov</u> or call (718) 788-7221.

My offices will be closed from 12/26- 1/2/2023. We will return to the office on January  $3^{rd}$ . I look forward to being in touch in the New Year.

Happy Holidays!

-Bobby

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