

Rebecca Seawright

ASSEMBLYMEMBER



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

This week in Albany, I debated and obtained passage of the Equal Rights Amendment to the New York State Constitution. I am proud to be the lead Sponsor in the State Assembly. This is the second consecutive passage in two separate legislative sessions of the ERA as required for a constitutional amendment. It ultimately passed by an overwhelming 97-46. With the concurrence of the New York State Senate, voters will, for the first time ever, have the opportunity to vote on the ERA as a ballot referendum in the 2024 general election. We are closer than ever to enshrining a woman's right to choose and equality protections against discrimination.

I thank AM New York for naming me New Yorker of the Week for my role as Chairperson of the People With Disabilities Committee. You can read more about my plans for the session and budget enclosed in the report.

It was a great honor to throw the Ceremonial Jump Ball at the CUNY Adaptive Sports Women's Wheelchair Basketball Game at Queens College. They are one of only seven women's teams in the Nation for wheelchair basketball. It was a pleasure to cheer on the team led by Coach Ryan Martin.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if we can be of assistance.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca A. Seawright". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Lead Sponsor Assembly Member Seawright
Hails 2nd Passage of Equal Rights Amendment

to Enshrine Reproductive Rights Into the New York State Constitution

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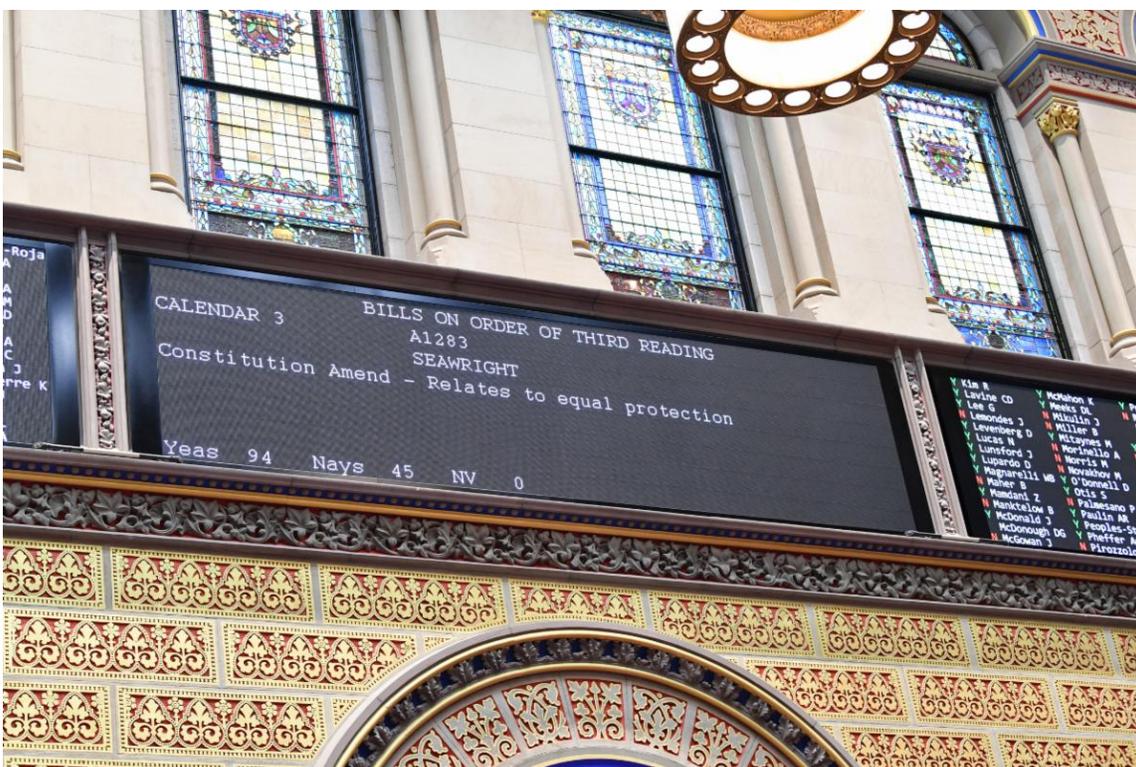
New York lawmakers advance Equal Rights Amendment that would protect abortion and LGBTQ rights in state Constitution

ALBANY - New York is one step closer to enshrining LGBTQ and reproductive rights in the state Constitution. The Democrat-led Legislature on Tuesday approved a state-level Equal Rights Amendment that will go before voters next year and offer broad protections against discrimination.

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Assembly Member Seawright successfully debated the Equal Rights Amendment, passing with a vote of 97-46.



The Assembly tote board announces the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment.



Assembly Member Seawright explains her vote.



After the vote, Assembly Member Seawright announced the passage and spoke about the importance of a constitutional amendment as a vehicle for abortion protections and bodily autonomy.

Chair Seawright of the People With Disabilities Committee Named New Yorker Of The Week



First elected in 2014 to represent the Upper East Side and Roosevelt Island in the state Assembly, Rebecca Seawright started another new term on New Year's Day. Along with her fifth term in office came a new assignment. Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie appointed Seawright as chair of the Assembly's People with Disabilities Committee.

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Planned Parenthood Rallies For Passage Of Seawright's Equal Rights Amendment



Assembly Members Didi Barrett, Jessica Gonzales-Rojas, Rebecca Seawright and Senator Cordell Cleare.



Senator Cordell Cleare, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright and Assembly Member Jessica Gonzales-Rojas.



Planned Parenthood advocates met with our Legislative Intern Willow to discuss legislative priorities for this session including reproductive and sexual health budget priorities to increase medicaid reimbursement for services; legislation to establish the Reproductive Freedom and Equity Program; and legislation to ensure youth have access to medically accurate, age-appropriate and inclusive sex education.

Disabilities Chair Rebecca Seawright Tosses up the Ceremonial Jump Ball at the CUNY Adaptative Sports Queens College Women's Wheelchair Basketball Game



Seawright attended the CUNY Adaptive Sports events as a supporter of higher education, an advocate for people with disabilities, and a CUNY alum.



Assembly Member Seawright with Coach Ryan Martin. Ryan is the advisor for the City University of NY Athletic Conference (CUNY) working to bring an adaptive sports program to their New York City campuses. In that capacity Ryan has achieved bringing the first adaptive sports team in the history of CUNY and inspiring disabled athletes to return back to college. The Men's and Women's Wheelchair Basketball team was launched the Fall semester of 2020. This program is the first program in the region and will compete nationally within the National Wheelchair Basketball Association (NWBA) Collegiate Conference.



CUNY Women's Wheelchair Basketball Team, one of only 7 nationwide wide, and representing 13 cuny colleges, playing Long Island students and adults at Queens College on Saturday, January 21 in Fitzgerald Gym on Lucille Kyvallos Basketball Court. Assemblymember Seawright tossed up first ball for game and took group photo with both teams.



Pioneering women's collegiate basketball figure Lucille Kyvallos served as head coach of the Queens College team for 12 years, including a historic game at Madison Square Garden in 1975, the first women's collegiate basketball game ever played at the famous

arena. In 2017, the basketball court at Fitzgerald Gymnasium was renamed Lucille Kyvallos Court, making her the first woman in New York City to receive such an honor.

Assembly Member Seawright Spoke At Westchester Institute For Human Development Panel



The panel was attended by over 600 individuals including service providers, and stakeholders. Seawright said, *"I am here to listen and learn from all of you who have had to navigate these services and are the best experts. I have been hearing some top line issues namely addressing the workforce crisis and high turnover. We cannot have a workforce decreasing while the number of diagnosed with developmental disability is increasing. There is an urgent need for a stronger network of professionals who are paid fairly to provide competent and responsive care to those who need it the most."*

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