

ISSUES THE LEGISLATURE HAS PASSED TO MOVE NEW YORK FORWARD:

▶ **Improve Care and Health Systems in New York**

Safeguard Seniors and Staff in Nursing Homes

What happened in our nursing homes is a tragedy. In light of COVID-19, Assemblyman Joseph Giglio voted to make sure all nursing homes have action plans to implement during pandemics to keep our seniors and most vulnerable safe. (A10394-A)

Protect healthcare workers while they protect patients

Giglio voted to protect healthcare workers and other support staff in the healthcare system from being penalized if they alert the public to dangerous conditions. (A10326-A)

Being better prepared to offer addiction services during pandemics

Drug overdoses rose during the pandemic. Giglio voted to include the Commissioner of Addiction and Support Services in the State Disaster Preparedness Commission so New York is more prepared to offer help and services during states of emergency. (A10509)

▶ **Help Our Communities and Economy**

Help for Homeowners

Giglio voted to allow local governments to extend real property tax exemptions and abatement filings until July 15. (A10241-A)

Protect Consumers

Giglio toughened laws and penalties on price gouging of medical supplies during the pandemic. (A10270)

Keep Development Going

The pandemic held the economy back. Giglio voted to allow local governments to extend building permits for 120 days so building projects could resume without a hitch. (A10409-A)

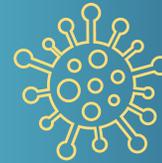
Help Small Businesses to Prevent the Spread of COVID

Giglio voted to establish the "State Disaster Emergency Loan Program" to help small businesses in purchasing personal protective equipment (PPE) and improvements to prevent the spread of COVID-19. (A10294-A)



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A Legislative Update
from Assemblyman
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COVID-19 has affected the safety and well-being of New Yorkers. The toll the pandemic has had on our communities has been far-reaching, from orders to stay at home, practice social distancing, wear masks, get tested, and alter our daily lives in many other ways. It has affected all of us, physically, emotionally, and economically. Together, we will overcome these challenges and move on to a brighter tomorrow. Below are some resources to navigate these difficult times. As always, my staff and I are always here to help.



Domestic Violence and Abuse

Assemblyman Giglio continues to work to find ways to work cooperatively to address the increase in domestic violence and abuse as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and quarantine rules as businesses and schools were ordered to shut down. A strong supporter of victims and defender of their rights, the Assemblyman has begun work with the Governor's office regarding ways to implement reform and assist victims during these unprecedented times.

New York State Domestic & Sexual Violence Hotline: 1-800-942-6906

Treatment for Post-Traumatic Stress of Medical Professionals and First Responders

The response by medical professionals, EMS providers, firefighters, and law enforcement officers during the COVID-19 pandemic in NYS has been heroic, but at a terrible cost. Suicides and mental health issues were already high, but the stress of fighting COVID-19 has made matters worse.

New York State Office of Mental Health Emotional Support Hotline: 1-844-863-9314

Addiction and Overdose

COVID-19 has caused increases in mental health issues including depression, anxiety, and isolation. Drug use and overdose have resulted. Assemblyman Giglio has been a strong proponent of programs to prevent drug abuse and overdose and support appropriate treatment options.

New York State Chemical Dependency Hotline: 1-877-846-7369

Economic Distress of Businesses and Individuals

Mandatory shut-downs have shuttered some businesses and severely damaged others. Millions of New Yorkers applied for unemployment, crippling the Department of Labor's web and phone application and certification systems. Assemblyman Giglio and his staff in Albany and Olean stood ready to cut through the red tape and assist constituents with questions about mandates for phased re-openings and navigating the unemployment system.

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