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Email Update: "2 Steps Forward, 100s Left to Go"

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Dear.Friend,

The Legislature reconvened to address a couple outstanding priorities, so **I wanted to share some final Albany updates:**

- The Senate (finally) allowed passage of an extension of **Mayoral control** for our public school system. It's disappointing Albany let things get down to the wire and tried to play politics with NYC's schoolchildren, but a two year extension is good news for averting crisis.

- We preserved the **Lower Manhattan tax incentives** that have been an important part of our community's recovery.

Unfortunately, [the special session continued to fail everyday New Yorkers](#):

- The Senate continued to block urgent **civil rights issues**, including the Gender Expression Non-Discrimination Act (**GENDA**), **reproductive health laws**, **criminal justice reforms**, as well as the **Child Victims Act**.
- Despite terrifying policies coming out of Washington on the **environment** and the **climate**, access to **healthcare**, **immigration**, and more, Albany's dropping the ball on protecting New Yorkers.
- With our transit infrastructure in crisis, the Legislature didn't act to improve the system or provide more dollars for the **MTA and our subways**, and blocked [design-build to shorten the BQE rehab project](#).
- **Ethics, accountability, and transparency reforms**, like my bill to **close the LLC Loophole**, critical proposals to **improve voting laws**, and even issues like **ticket reselling reform**, weren't discussed at all.

You can watch my remarks on the Senate floor on many of these issues [here](#).

I hope you and your family have a wonderful 4th of July, and continue to stay in touch on these and other issues. As always, please feel free to contact my office at [212-298-5565](tel:212-298-5565), [718-875-1517](tel:718-875-1517), or squadron@nysenate.gov.

Best,

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