



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR
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It's been an honor to serve

DANIEL L. SQUADRON August 9, 2017



Dear Friend,

For years, we've fought together for a better Albany and a stronger district. From the beginning, your support, advice, energy -- and, yes, criticism -- have been an enormous inspiration. That's why I wanted to let you know directly why I have decided to resign from the Senate this Friday.

Like many across the country, since November, I've thought a lot about how best to change the direction of our country, and stand up for core values that are under threat. After much reflection, I have decided to lend my hand to make a difference in states across the country, pushing policies and candidates that will create a fairer and more democratic future.

It's not possible to take on this challenge and continue to be a full-time legislator, which is what I always promised I would be.

When I was first elected in 2008 in a season of hope and change, I hoped to bring enthusiasm for government to the district, and a government to be more proud of to Albany. Though progress has sometimes been slow -- and there is much more to do in this much less hopeful time -- the many constituents, colleagues, and staff with whom I've partnered have kept that enthusiasm, and pride in public service, alive.

Together, we've secured millions for public housing, storm resiliency, and waterfront parks. We've won a Lunar New Year school holiday, and a more equitable parks system. We've fought to hold Albany accountable, cut through red tape, advocated for subways, and tried (and tried, and tried) to fix a corrupt campaign finance system. I've been grateful for every chance to support a local school, make an intersection safer, or stand up to a bad landlord.

It has truly been an honor to serve the people of the 26th District.

The timing of my decision means the 26th District Senate seat will be filled in this November's election -- and I remain committed to continuing to fight for an empowered Democratic majority.

Thank you again to the many people with whom I've worked. Your faith in a better Albany and a stronger district continues to inspire me. And thank you especially to the constituents who hired me over these last nine years. I am forever grateful for the opportunity to serve.

If you have a constituent need, you can and should continue to contact the district office number at 212-298-5565.

See you in the neighborhood,

Daniel