



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Kevin S. Parker

## Senator Parker Advances Paving the Way for Sustainable Energy at Brooklyn College

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Brooklyn, NY- State Senator Kevin Parker is proud to announce the successful passage of Bill S8188 in the Senate committee. This landmark legislation mandates the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) to conduct a comprehensive study on the feasibility, efficiency, and energy-saving costs associated with constructing a micro-grid at Brooklyn College.

Senator Parker emphasizes the importance of this legislation in enhancing the overall academic experience at Brooklyn College this way: "As we move toward a greener and more sustainable future, it is essential for educational institutions like Brooklyn College to lead the way in adopting eco-friendly practices. This bill not only supports the college in exploring energy-efficient solutions but also promotes a healthier and more environmentally conscious campus for both current and future generations of students," the Senator added."

The focus of Bill S8188 is to empower Brooklyn College to explore sustainable energy options through the establishment of a micro-grid on its campus. This innovative project aims to revolutionize the way the college harnesses and utilizes energy, leading to potential long-term benefits for both the institution and the environment.

By conducting a thorough study, the bill provides an opportunity for Brooklyn College to embrace cutting-edge technology and practices in the field of energy research. The micro-grid will not only contribute to a more sustainable future but also serve as an invaluable educational tool for students interested in renewable energy and environmental studies.

The Senator's commitment to lessening academic burdens is evident in the thoughtful approach taken with Bill S8188. By fostering a sustainable environment, the legislation aligns with Senator Parker's vision of creating an educational space that not only prioritizes academic excellence but also addresses the broader challenges faced by our communities.

### **About State Senator Kevin Parker**

Senator Kevin S. Parker is intimately familiar with the needs of his ethnically diverse Brooklyn district comprising sections of Flatbush, East Flatbush, Kensington, Ditmas Park, Midwood, Flatlands, Canarsie, Georgetown, Old Mill Basin, Mill Basin, Marine Park, and Bergen Beach. A lifelong Brooklyn resident, Senator Parker is the Chairman of the Senate Energy and Telecommunications Committee and a member of several other Senate

committees including Finance, Rules, Banks, Internet and Technology, as well as Budget and Revenue.

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