



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Stay Informed to Keep Your Family Safe

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Dear Friends:

### **“Be Prepared.”**

It’s an age-old motto used by the Boy Scouts and members of the US Coast Guard to remind them that emergencies can strike anytime—and often without much warning.

I want to make you aware of one way that you can help keep your home, family, business and community safe.

NY-Alert is a free, early-warning program that sends text messages, emails and even phone calls to advise you of serious hazards that can threaten safety and property.

NY-Alert also works closely with local law enforcement and other agencies to deliver a broad range of emergency messages — from “Amber Alerts” involving missing children to “Missing Adult Alerts” for the elderly. In addition, it provides important updates pertaining to school closings and serious accidents, as well as information about sex offenders in your community.

You select the type of warnings you want to receive, and how you want them delivered, by text, email or phone call.

With winter -- and the inevitable severe weather -- just around the corner, it's the right time to consider this added level of protection for you and your family.

Having the information you need before an emergency can make a difference. I hope that you will [sign up for NY-Alert today](#).

Sincerely,

Senator Owen H. Johnson