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## Senator Kevin Parker Lauds Assembly's Passage of the New York State DREAM Act

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(Brooklyn, NY)- "The Assembly's passage of the DREAM Act (New York State Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors Act, A 2597-A) on Tuesday was a giant step forward for New York's immigrant community. This progressive legislation increases educational access for talented students, regardless of their immigration status, and provides them with a pathway to receive the education they rightfully deserve.

For all Americans, education has served to help us put our feet on the rungs of the ladder of success, and it has been 'the Great Equalizer'. The DREAM Act will further ensure our state's economic prosperity. We should never forget that immigrants are the past, present, and future of our great state and nation. We remain indebted to them and should protect them as our own.

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### *About Senator Kevin Parker*

Senator Kevin S. Parker is intimately familiar with the needs of his ethnically diverse Brooklyn community that consists of 318,000 constituents in Flatbush, East Flatbush, Midwood, Ditmas Park, Kensington, Windsor Terrace, and Park Slope. He is the Ranking Member of the Senate Committees on Energy and Telecommunications and Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, Assistant Democratic Leader for Intergovernmental Affairs, and Chair of the Democratic Task Force on New Americans.