



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Community Update: Week Ending 4/23/10

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While I would prefer to have a budget proposal that includes a substantial increase in aid for Upstate roads and bridges, the current fiscal challenges facing New York State, exasperated by the fact that our state's political leadership resides in New York City, forces representatives and residents in Upstate communities to fight for every dollar available for roads and bridges. I am hopeful that the emergency funds will include more than \$13.5 million for vital, shovel-ready projects in the City of Rochester, and the towns of Henrietta, Irondequoit, Mendon, Penfield, Perinton, Pittsford, and Rush. As budget negotiations continue, I will do what I can to ensure that taxpayers in Upstate New York receive their fair share of state funding.

SAFE-PLAYGROUND LEGISLATION TURNS EIGHT

April brings awareness to many significant environmental and educational causes, from Keep America Beautiful Month to National Youth Sports Safety Month to Physical Wellness Month. But a lesser known week of recognition begins Saturday, April 25th - National Playground Safety Week.

serve on the Select Committee to review Senator Hiram Monserrate's misconduct and charges of domestic violence that, ultimately, led to Senator Monserrate's expulsion from the Senate.

While Senator Monserrate's actions, and the effect of those actions on his girlfriend, received much media attention, there are countless men and women victimized each day. As we recognize National Crime Victims' Rights Week this week, one group of individuals subjected to crimes of physical and emotional abuse that should - and must - receive greater protections are our registered nurses (RNs) and licensed