



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Our American Flag has long exemplified the spirit of those who have lost their lives in battle, as well as those who have fought valiantly and survived. It stands for all our ancestors who worked, saved and sacrificed at home to raise their families in such a strong, free and prosperous land. It stands for the freedom that so many other countries in the world are just now beginning to experience. It stands for us and, heaven permit, it will fly for our children and our children's children in a land still strong and free.

American jurist, Oliver Wendell Holmes, may have said it best: "One Flag, one land, one heart, one hand, one nation, evermore!"

For more history of our American Flag, or for further information on when to display our flag, salute our flag, or dispose of our flag properly, I encourage you to contact my office.

**MIXED MARTIAL ARTS  
LEGALIZED OVER MY STRONG OPPOSITION**

15 parts per million, beginning July 1, 2012. What the bill sponsor and other supporters fail to recognize is that the two-year time frame given to refineries to meet the new requirements will not allow for full compliance, thereby creating a shortage of #2 heating oil in New York that will without question, negatively affect Upstate taxpayers.

To assist Upstate homeowners, I supported an amendment to S.1145-C that would have pushed the effective date of the law back to 2014, to provide adequate time for refineries to adopt the new standards of 15 parts per million, and prevent a spike in the costs of home heating oil. It is estimated that the current time frame of July 1, 2012 will increase the price of home heating oil by 20 to 30 cents per gallon, costing Upstate consumers almost \$1 billion. Also, depending on how severe our winter weather is, upstate taxpayers could be forced to pay as much as 60 cents per gallon, or an average of