



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Community Update: Week Ending 6/25/2010

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- Although all cyclists should wear a helmet, children under the age of 14 are required to wear a helmet;
- If you bike with an iPod or other music-playing device, remember that it is unsafe, and illegal, to wear more than one earphone while biking;
- Ride single file and use bicycle paths when provided; and
- Turn on your headlight for safety, or wear reflective clothing when riding at night.

Bicycling in our area has become popular in our parks, along the canal, and in our neighborhoods. The best defense against accidents is safe and skilled handling of the bicycle. If we all do our part to stay alert on the road, we can minimize accidents and maximize enjoyment for all cyclists this summer. Happy riding!

### **ANTI-BULLYING LEGISLATION PASSES SENATE**

On Tuesday, legislation to curb incidents of harassment and

Earlier this week, I strongly opposed legislation that will cause irrevocable long-term damage to New York's small businesses and our Upstate economy.

Senate Budget bill 6605-B, will, among other things, eliminate the Empire Zone Program, which was created years ago to stimulate economic growth through a variety of tax incentives designed to attract new businesses to New York State, and to enable existing businesses to expand and create more jobs.

Cutting back on efforts to create jobs is simply shortsighted. In reference to the Excelsior Program, the Business Council of New York State called it an "inadequate replacement" for the Empire Zone Program, that "will limit New York's ability to compete in the race to create and retain jobs as the nation moves out of the recession."