



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Todd Kaminsky

## Kaminsky Introduces Bill To Ban Public Display Of Swastikas

SENATOR KAMINSKY May 24, 2016

**(Albany, New York)** -- Senator Todd Kaminsky introduced legislation (S.7547) last week to outlaw the public display of swastikas, and charge those who display bigoted symbol with felony hate crime. Kaminsky's bill comes amid a recent plague of anti-Semitic graffiti in the Five Towns and aims to prevent such hateful acts from occurring again.

"Bigotry and hatred have no place in our diverse community and individuals who commit such shameful acts must be brought to justice swiftly," said Senator Kaminsky. "Swastikas are symbols of intolerance and have no place in our society. It's unconscionable that individuals are allowed to display swastikas, and I will continue to lead the fight to end this spate of intimidation and bigotry."

"As a grandson of Holocaust survivors, I am particularly sensitive to this issue, said Rabbi Shaul Rappeport, of Lido Beach Synagogue. "In a world where Antisemitism, bigotry and racism continue sadly to plague us, it is important to address them through legislation. Senator Kaminsky's bill does exactly that, making the display of the swastika a felony, whether on public or private property. We look forward to seeing this bill passed into law."

Current state law bans swastika graffiti, but does not prevent a private individual from publicly displaying the hateful symbol on their property. Senator Kaminsky's bill would completely outlaw the display of the bigoted symbol and carry serious charges for those who

display a swastika.

“Anti-Semitism of any kind will not be tolerated by myself and our community, and this bill makes that exceptionally clear,” concluded Senator Kaminsky.

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**Relates to aggravated harassment in the first degree**

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