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Ranzenhofer Sponsors Earth Day Poster Contest

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Senator Michael H. Ranzenhofer today called for local student entries for the New York State Senate's Earth Day Poster Contest, a statewide competition that raises awareness of environmental issues.

"Earth Day celebrates the great strides made in protecting our environment. This poster contest is an opportunity for local school districts to share that commitment with our students. By educating our young minds about protecting our planet, they can be a part of the many New Yorkers who are already helping to improve the quality of air we breathe and the water we drink," said Ranzenhofer.

The Earth Day poster competition is for children in grades K–6. The theme of the contest is "Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle." Students are encouraged to be creative and convey a real commitment to making the environment a better place. The focus is to emphasize the importance and encourage the exchange of ideas about recycling and waste reduction, as well as stimulate creative thinking about solutions concerning these issues.

School districts and students wishing to participate in this year's event must submit their entries by April 13, 2018 via Senator Ranzenhofer's website, ranzenhofer.nysenate.gov. Entries should be photographed and submitted electronically, preferably in a jpeg format.

Winning posters will be displayed at Senator Ranzenhofer's website. All participants will receive a certificate acknowledging their participation.

Since the first Earth Day was celebrated in 1970, over 20 million Americans have participated, helping to improve the quality of our air and water. In addition, Senator Ranzenhofer voted for a landmark \$2.5 billion investment in statewide clean water projects last year, including:

- **Creation of the new Drinking Water Quality Council** to bring together experts to review existing evidence, study contaminants of concern and make recommendations to the Department of Health regarding drinking water safety, including state specific thresholds and public notice procedures;
- **Establishment of the Emerging Contaminant Monitoring Act** to require all public water systems to test for unregulated contaminants that are known, or anticipated to be present in drinking water; and
- **\$275 million** in continued funding for Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds and **\$20 million** from the Environmental Protection Fund to be used for clean water projects.

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