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(**Brooklyn, NY**) - Senator Roxanne J. Persaud and the Senate Democratic Majority today passed legislation that will continue helping New Yorkers and businesses recover from the effects of COVID-19 in New York State. This legislation focuses on helping small businesses provide PPE, keeps contract tracing information confidential, and protects New Yorkers as they return to the work force. This package builds on previous legislation passed to help combat COVID-19.

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*The bills passed today build upon the Senate Majority ongoing legislative response combatting the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic,” Senator Persaud said. “I am proud to*

*join my colleagues, under the leadership of Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, in continuing to help New Yorkers recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and adjust to our new normal. Our efforts are not done, and we will work to help New Yorkers navigate through the coming months and into the future.”*

The bills that will be advanced by the Senate Majority include:

Senate Bill S.8450-B: This legislation, sponsored by Senator Gustavo Rivera, requires contact tracing information to be kept confidential and not be made available to law enforcement.

Senate Bill S.8464-A: This legislation, sponsored by Senator Jen Metzger, preserves agricultural property tax assessment for farmers suffering reduced sales due to Covid-19.

Senate Bill S.8014-C: This legislation, sponsored by Senator Pete Harckham, specifies that Special Act Schools, 853 Schools, 4201 Schools, and 4410 Schools will not see a reduction of aid for closures related to COVID-19.

Senate Bill S.8361, This legislation, sponsored by Senator Gustavo Rivera, requires Managed Long Term Care Plans reimburse providers for PPE.

Senate Bill S.8451-A: This legislation, sponsored by Senator Anna Kaplan, authorizes the Empire State Development Corporation to develop a public awareness campaign promoting personal protective clothing and equipment manufacturing businesses located in New York state.

Senate Bill S.8448-D: This legislation, sponsored by Senator Kevin Thomas, imposes requirements for the use of electronically collected emergency health data during the COVID-19 emergency.

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