



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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BRIAN KAVANAGH January 11, 2021

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Please see the links above to view the Senator's year-end newsletter in English, Spanish, or Chinese. This newsletter was sent to households throughout the district, by mail, in late December. As always, if you have questions for our office, want to express concern about an issue, or need support or resources, please feel free to reach out by email at [kavanagh@nysenate.gov](mailto:kavanagh@nysenate.gov), or by phone at either 212-298-5565 or 718-875-1517.

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Dear Friends:

For most of us, 2020 has been an extraordinarily challenging year. COVID-19 began as a public health crisis and quickly developed into a full-blown economic, housing, education, and food insecurity crisis for so many Americans.

As Chair of the Senate Housing Committee, I have been working to develop solutions to ensure that New Yorkers are not displaced from their homes during the pandemic and to prevent housing costs that people are struggling with now from causing them long-term financial distress. I am also continuing to lead our larger effort to make New York a place where everyone has access to affordable, secure, high-quality permanent housing, building on our huge success enacting the Housing Stability and Tenant Protection Act in 2019.

Providing timely services has always been a key priority for me and my staff. We have worked hard to help constituents who have lost jobs or are working less because of the pandemic to obtain unemployment benefits, and to ensure that we're meeting New Yorkers' basic needs for food, shelter, telehealth services, COVID-19 testing, and personal protective equipment. I am also fighting to ensure that small businesses can stay afloat.

In this year-end newsletter, I want to share with you some of the work my staff and I have been doing and let you know that we're always here to help. If we can be of assistance, please contact us at 212-298-5565, 718-875-1517, or [kavanagh@nysenate.gov](mailto:kavanagh@nysenate.gov).

I hope you enjoy the holidays in spite of the health precautions we must all continue to take, and let's look forward to a better year in 2021!

It is my honor to serve you.

Brian Kavanagh