



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Andrea Stewart-Cousins

## Combating Gun Violence

ANDREA STEWART-COUSINS June 4, 2021

| ISSUE: **GUN VIOLENCE**

Dear Neighbor,

June is Gun Violence Awareness Month, and the Senate Majority has prioritized ending gun violence and making our communities safer. We cannot stand by idly and watch the recent events across the country like the grieving father in Miami who lost his son in a shooting outside a banquet hall or the daughter who lost her mother in the Atlanta spa shootings. To take action, the Senate Majority passed comprehensive, common-sense gun reforms this week, in honor of the victims and survivors of gun violence. Learn more about the package of bills below.

Also important to note, the Emergency Rental Assistance Program is open. If you live outside of Yonkers click here to apply: <https://on.ny.gov/3wRip64>. If you live in Yonkers, please visit: [www.yonkersny.gov/yerap](http://www.yonkersny.gov/yerap) and contact one of the nonprofits listed to apply.

Additionally, I hope parents will take advantage of **New York's Free College Education Raffle** for 12- to 17-year-olds who get vaccinated against COVID-19. Each Wednesday for 5 weeks, two New York students will win a FREE education at any NYS SUNY, CUNY or Community College. Parents or guardians can enter children who have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine since May 12. The next drawing is June 9. You can register for the raffle

now, click [here](#).

As always, you can email ([scousins@nyenate.gov](mailto:scousins@nyenate.gov)) or call (914-423-4031) my office with questions or concerns. I also regularly share resources and information on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#).

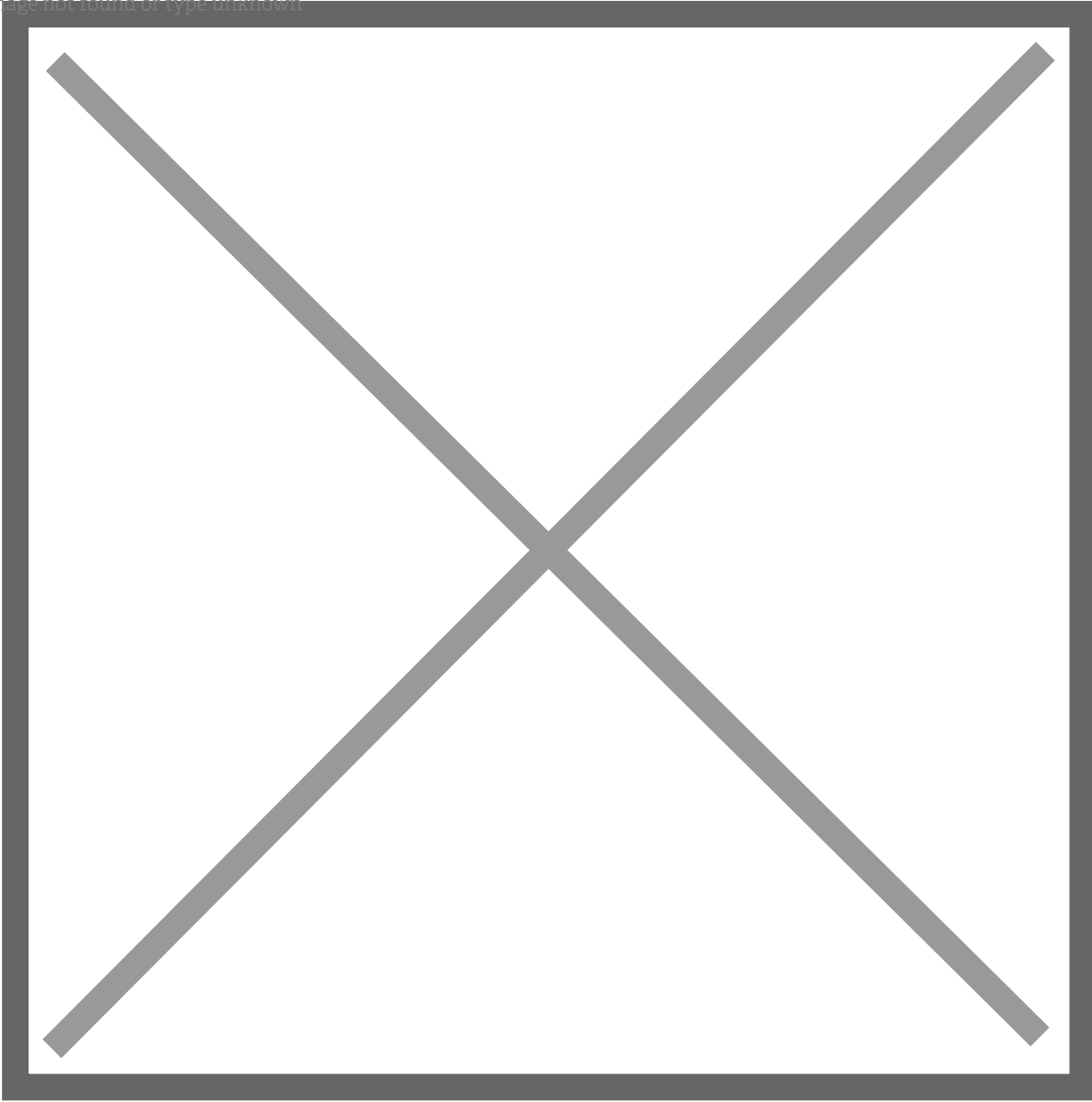
Until next time,

Andrea Stewart-Cousins

New York State Senator, 35th District

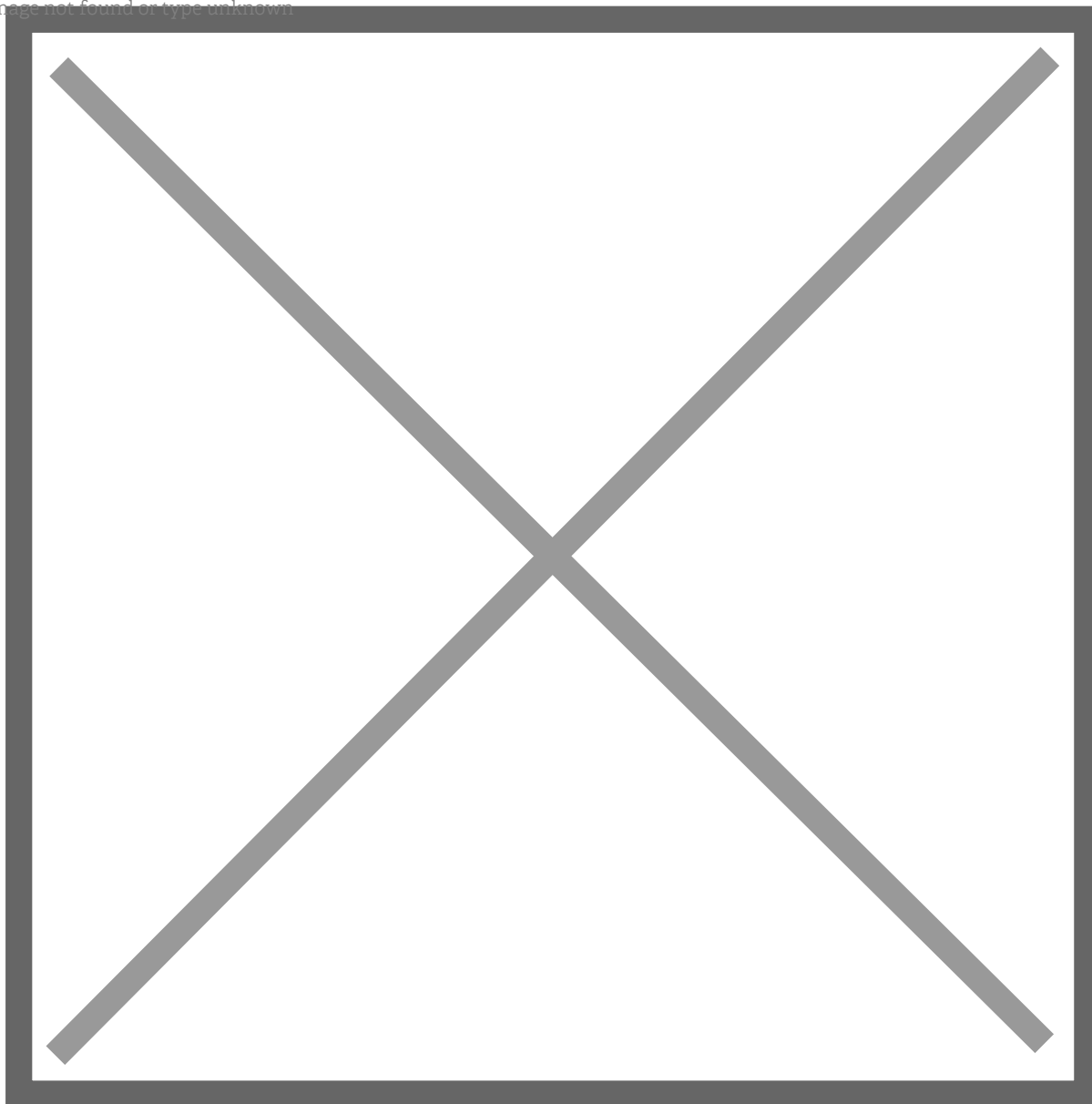
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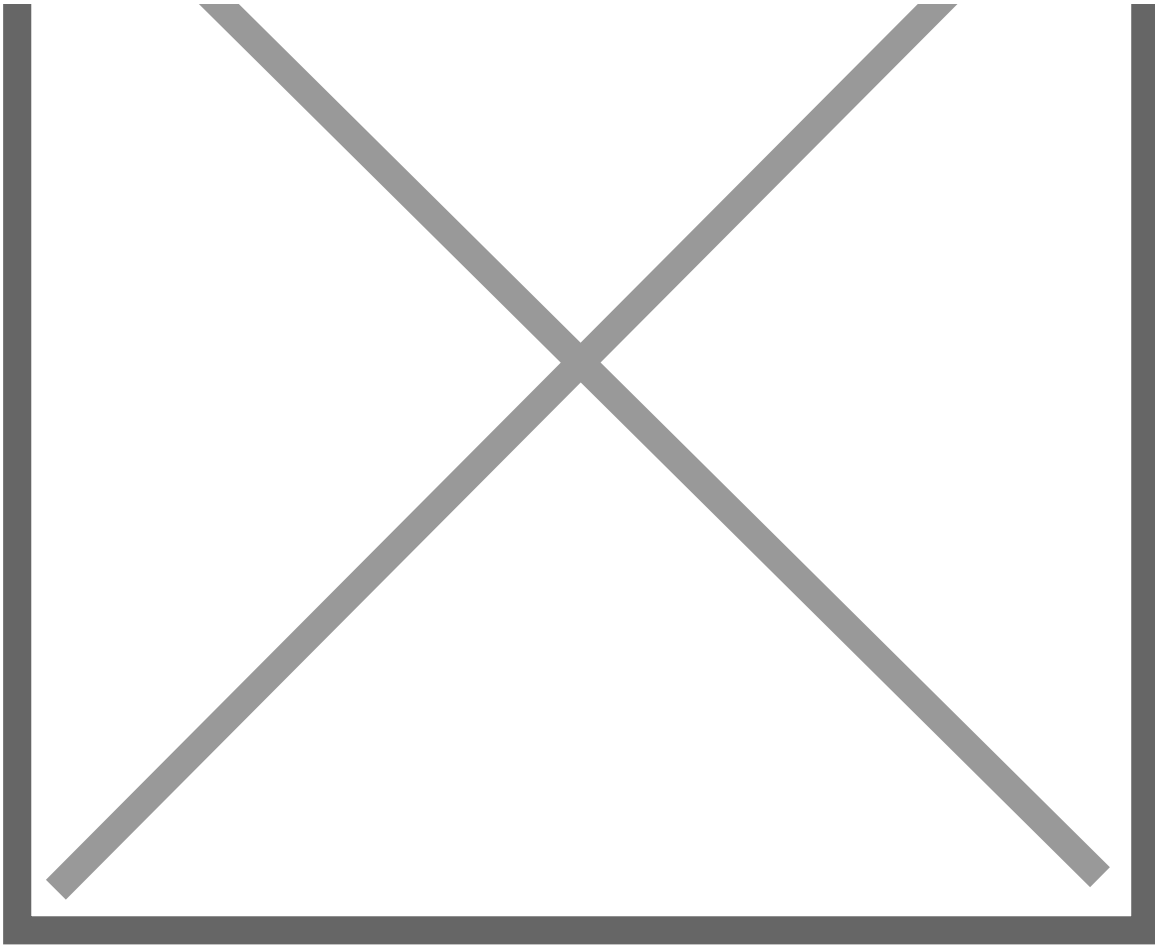
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We must do everything we can to eliminate the scourge of violence that has cut too many lives short and devastated too many families. By enacting this important legislation, we take another step closer towards further ending gun violence.

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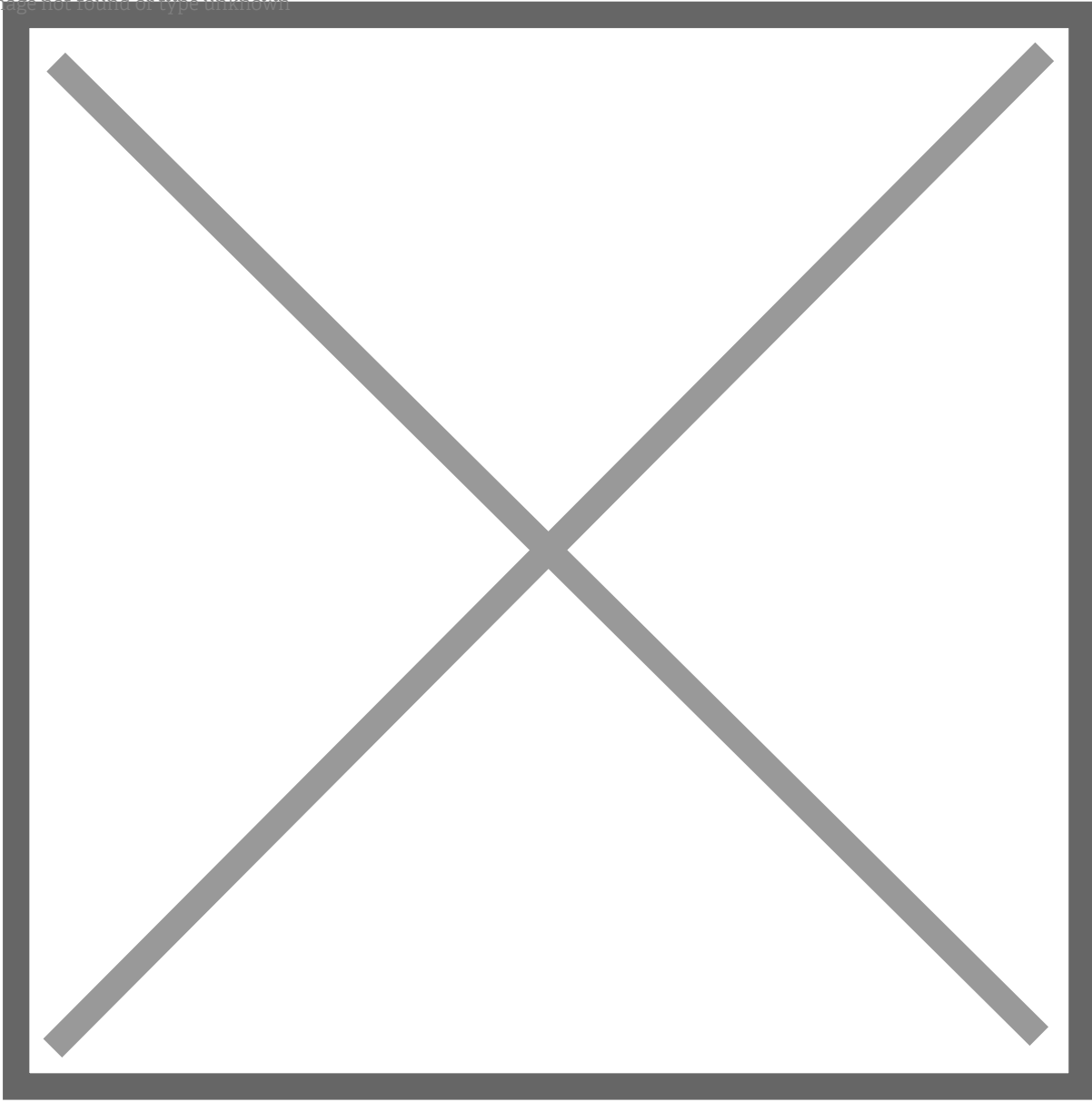
country and here in New York, we have seen a rise in hate crimes. Now, recently a surge in crimes against members of the Jewish community. I strongly denounce all forms of antisemitism and hate. Everyone deserves to feel safe and free of fear. Sadly though, this has not been the case. It's important we never stay silent, but speak out forcefully against recent acts of antisemitism and violence. When one remains silent, hate and intolerance manifest. I stand with my Jewish neighbors, and will continue to support legislation to combat hate and support critical funding to increase security at our synagogues and community centers.

Last week, New York State Police increased patrols at synagogues, schools and other Jewish community facilities in Westchester, New York City, Rockland, Orange, Nassau and Suffolk counties.

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Our state's seniors deserve to age in dignity and have their rights protected. I am proud that legislation ([S.1106](#)) I drafted, which prevents landlords from ending rental agreements without cause in housing facilities occupied by senior citizens and/or persons with disabilities, passed this month. The Senate Majority also passed the following bills to help our seniors:

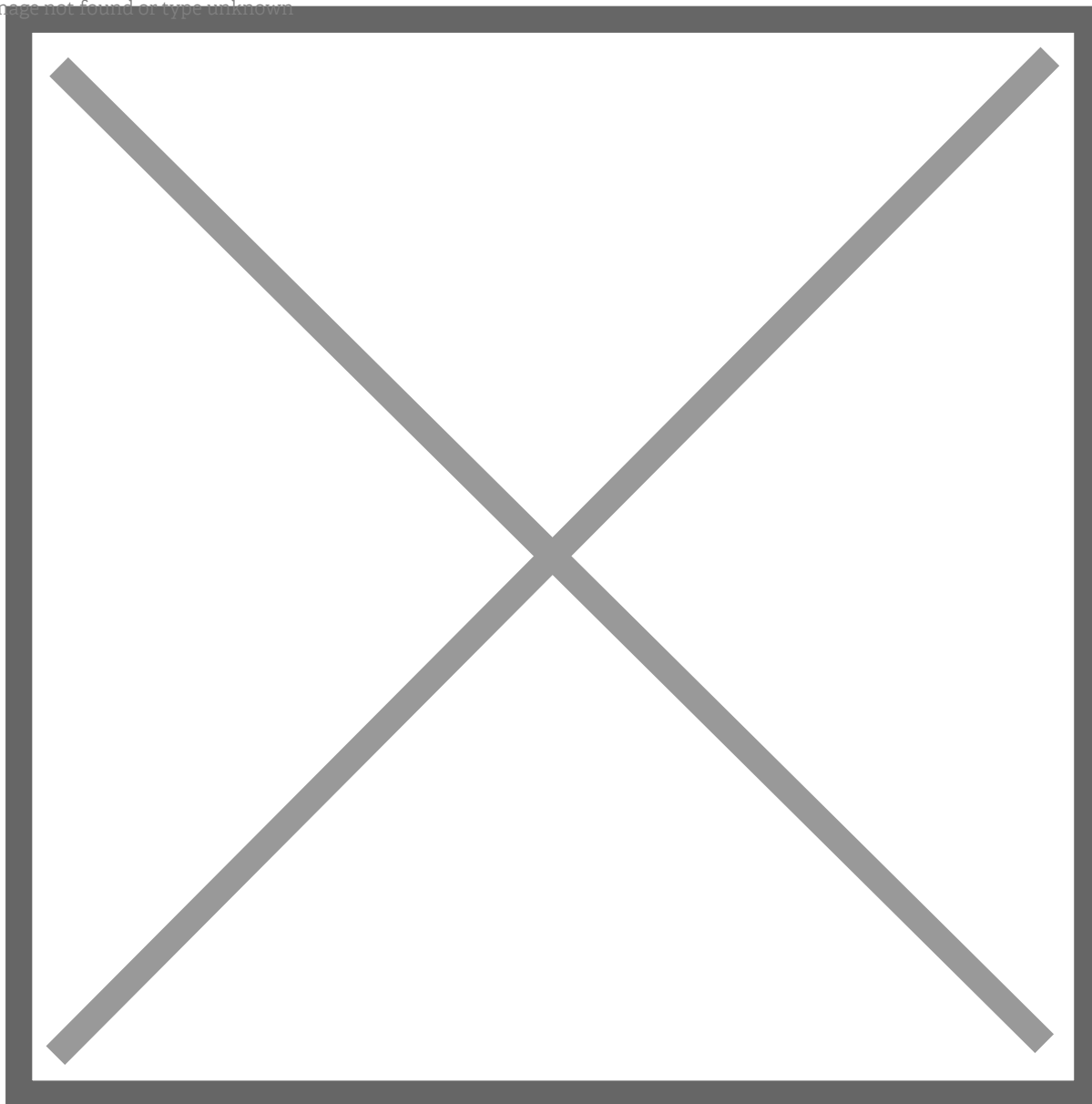
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**Happy Pride Month!**

We celebrate our LGBTQIA friends and neighbors this month by standing in solidarity for equality, diversity and understanding.

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RELATED LEGISLATION

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**2021-S1048A**

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- Introduced



- ○ In Committee Assembly
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- ○ On Floor Calendar Assembly
  - On Floor Calendar Senate
- ○ Passed Assembly
  - Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor
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Relates to the dangers to the safety and health of the public caused by the sale, manufacturing, importing and marketing of firearms

January 06, 2021

In Senate Committee [Consumer Protection](#)

Sponsored by [Zellnor Myrie](#)

Do you support this bill?

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## 2021-S687

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- Introduced

- ○ In Committee Assembly
  - In Committee Senate
- ○ On Floor Calendar Assembly
  - On Floor Calendar Senate
- ○ Passed Assembly
  - Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor
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Clarifies the definition of imitation weapon

January 04, 2021

Signed by Governor

Sponsored by [Brad Hoylman-Sigal](#)

Do you support this bill?

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## 2021-S1251

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- Introduced

- ○ In Committee Assembly
  - In Committee Senate
- ○ On Floor Calendar Assembly
  - On Floor Calendar Senate
- ○ Passed Assembly
  - Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor
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Requires the division of criminal justice services to publish quarterly reports providing information related to firearms, rifles and shotguns used in the commission of crimes in the state of New York

January 08, 2021

Signed by Governor

Sponsored by [Michael Gianaris](#)

Do you support this bill?

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**2021-S2981**

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- Introduced
- - In Committee Assembly
  - In Committee Senate
- - On Floor Calendar Assembly
  - On Floor Calendar Senate
- - Passed Assembly
  - Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor
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Creates a firearm violence research institute

January 26, 2021

Signed by Governor

Sponsored by [Roxanne J. Persaud](#)

Do you support this bill?

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## 2021-S5000B

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- Introduced

- ○ In Committee Assembly
  - In Committee Senate
- ○ On Floor Calendar Assembly
  - On Floor Calendar Senate
- ○ Passed Assembly
  - Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor
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Relates to the purchase of firearms, rifles and shotguns

February 22, 2021

Signed by Governor

Sponsored by [Brian Kavanagh](#)

Do you support this bill?

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## 2021-S14A

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- Introduced

- ○ In Committee Assembly
  - In Committee Senate
- ○ On Floor Calendar Assembly
  - On Floor Calendar Senate
- ○ Passed Assembly
  - Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor
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Enacts the Jose Webster untraceable firearms act

December 17, 2020

Signed by Governor

Sponsored by [Brad Hoylman-Sigal](#)

Do you support this bill?

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## 2021-S13A

Ghost Guns, Gun Violence, Gun Violence Prevention, Scott J. Beigel Unfinished Receiver Act

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- Introduced

- ○ In Committee Assembly
  - In Committee Senate
- ○ On Floor Calendar Assembly
  - On Floor Calendar Senate
- ○ Passed Assembly
  - Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor
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Enacts the "Scott J. Beigel unfinished receiver act" in relation to unfinished frames or receivers

December 17, 2020

Signed by Governor

Sponsored by [Anna M. Kaplan](#)

Do you support this bill?

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## 2021-S1235

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- Introduced

- ○ In Committee Assembly
  - In Committee Senate
- ○ On Floor Calendar Assembly
  - On Floor Calendar Senate
- ○ Passed Assembly
  - Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor
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Establishes a 10 day waiting period for the purchase of any firearm

January 08, 2021

In Senate Committee [Codes](#)

Sponsored by [Michael Gianaris](#)

Do you support this bill?

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## 2021-S555A

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- Introduced



- ○ In Committee Assembly
  - In Committee Senate
- ○ On Floor Calendar Assembly
  - On Floor Calendar Senate
- ○ Passed Assembly
  - Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor
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Creates the office of older adult workforce development within the office for the aging

January 04, 2021

Passed Assembly

Sponsored by [Rachel May](#)

Do you support this bill?

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## 2021-S554

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- Introduced

- ○ In Committee Assembly
  - In Committee Senate
- ○ On Floor Calendar Assembly
  - On Floor Calendar Senate
- ○ Passed Assembly
  - Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor
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Directs the office for the aging and the department of economic development to expand encore entrepreneurship in the state, to empower individuals fifty years of age or older to establish small businesses

January 04, 2021

In Assembly Committee

Sponsored by [Rachel May](#)

Do you support this bill?

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**2021-S4884**

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- Introduced
- - In Committee Assembly
  - In Committee Senate
- - On Floor Calendar Assembly
  - On Floor Calendar Senate
- - Passed Assembly
  - Passed Senate
- Vetoed By Governor
- Signed By Governor
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Creates the state office of the utility consumer advocate

February 17, 2021

Vetoed

Sponsored by [Diane J. Savino](#)

Do you support this bill?

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## 2021-S1065

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- Introduced

- ○ In Committee Assembly
  - In Committee Senate
- ○ On Floor Calendar Assembly
  - On Floor Calendar Senate
- ○ Passed Assembly
  - Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor
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Establishes the elder abuse shelter aftercare demonstration program

January 06, 2021

In Senate Committee [Aging](#)

Sponsored by [Alessandra Biaggi](#)

Do you support this bill?

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## 2021-S5196B

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- Introduced

- ○ In Committee Assembly
  - In Committee Senate
- ○ On Floor Calendar Assembly
  - On Floor Calendar Senate
- ○ Passed Assembly
  - Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor
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Provides for elder abuse prevention training

February 26, 2021

In Senate Committee [Aging](#)

Sponsored by [James Sanders Jr.](#)

Do you support this bill?

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## 2021-S6208

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- Introduced

- ○ In Committee Assembly
  - In Committee Senate
- ○ On Floor Calendar Assembly
  - On Floor Calendar Senate
- ○ Passed Assembly
  - Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor
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Relates to the development and posting of a senior trail guide

April 15, 2021

Passed Assembly

Sponsored by [Jose M. Serrano](#)

Do you support this bill?

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## 2021-S2535A

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- Introduced

- ○ In Committee Assembly
  - In Committee Senate
- ○ On Floor Calendar Assembly
  - On Floor Calendar Senate
- ○ Passed Assembly
  - Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor
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Relates to program eligibility for plans comparable to Medicare part D

January 21, 2021

In Assembly Committee

Sponsored by [Gustavo Rivera](#)

Do you support this bill?

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## 2021-S4216

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- Introduced

- ○ In Committee Assembly
  - In Committee Senate
  
- ○ On Floor Calendar Assembly
  - On Floor Calendar Senate
  
- ○ Passed Assembly
  - Passed Senate
  
- Delivered to Governor
  
- Signed By Governor
  
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Relates to tax abatement for rent-controlled and rent regulated property occupied by and real property owned by senior citizens or persons with disabilities

February 03, 2021

In Senate Committee [Aging](#)

Sponsored by [Toby Ann Stavisky](#)

Do you support this bill?