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FROM STATE SENATOR MALCOLM A. SMITH

## DISTRICT 14

Briarwood, Forest Hills, Jamaica, Kew Gardens, Springfield Gardens, St. Albans, Broad Channel, Hammels, Neponsit, Rockaway Beach, Queens Village, Hollis, Cambria Heights, Rosedale, Far Rockaway, Rockaway Park, Arverne, Breezy Point, Belle Harbor, Seaside, and Roxbury

Dear Friend,

The year 2011 has just begun, but I am excited to inform you of numerous projects that my office has already coordinated and I think you will find beneficial to our community.

First, let me start by saying that I am working diligently to urge General Electric (GE) to build High Speed Rail (HSR) Locomotive's right here in New York. GE recently signed a letter of intent with China South Locomotive & Rolling Stock Corporation Limited (CSR) to manufacture high- and medium-speed electric multiple unit trains in the United States. The new business generated by HSR could support up to 3,500 jobs in the United States. This agreement would also allow GE to manufacture locomotives for China and provide components for an additional 500 or more jobs. As the President stated in his State of the State Address last night, revolutions in technology have transformed the way we live, work and do business and therefore we must invest in 21st century initiatives such as high speed rail to compete in this high tech global economy. His vision of high speed rail being accessible to 80 percent of the country in 25 years is commendable and obtainable.

On January 27th my office will host a non-profit training seminar on member items. The process will be explained from A-Z.

This February, my office will kick-off once again our annual Send-A-Vet-A-Valentine Program. We will distribute numerous items to Veterans at the local veteran's hospital and nursing home.

In March, I will be holding my Annual State of the District Address in both Southeast Queens and Far Rockaway. I will recap legislation that was passed and activities that took place in my district last year and discuss upcoming events and legislation for this year.

As always, my staff and I are here to assist you with important matters. Please do not hesitate to call my district office at (718) 528-4290 if you have any questions or concerns.

All my best,

Malcolm A. Smith  
Senator, 14<sup>th</sup> District

New York has seen some of the coldest temperatures in years this winter season. Thus, below I am providing important information with regard to landlord-tenant heat requirements.

Tenants without heat should call the City's Citizen Service Center at 311 (311 can be accessed outside the City by dialing 212- New-York). The TYY number is (212) 504-4115. The center is open 24-hours a day, seven-days a week.

### COLD WEATHER HEAT REQUIREMENTS

Between October 1<sup>st</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup>, a period designated as "Heat Season", building owners are required to provide tenants with heat under the following conditions:

- Between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., if the outside temperature falls below 55 degrees, the inside temperature is required to be at least 68 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., if the temperature outside falls below 40 degrees, the inside temperature is required to be at least 55 degrees Fahrenheit.

### EVENTS

- January 27, 2011, 6:00 p.m.  
*Non-Profit Training Seminar on Member Items*  
Robert Ross Johnson Family Life Center  
172-17 Linden Blvd., St. Albans
- February 14, 2011  
*Send-a-Vet-a-Valentine*  
Donated items can be dropped off at my office through February 10<sup>th</sup>.
- In March, I will be holding my Annual State of the District Address in both Southeast Queens and Far Rockaway.

*Please contact my office at (718) 528-4290 for further details on these up and coming events.*