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Dear Friends:

As an elected official, there is nothing more gratifying than seeing your work yield results for the communities you represent. Whether it is having new schools you helped build go up, or a strip club billboard above a church come down, it makes it all worthwhile.

This is some of the work of which I am most proud:

- Five of my gun bills were part of the NY Safe Act Governor Cuomo signed into law, including legislation to revoke the gun licenses and confiscate the firearms of the mentally ill.
- Securing tens of millions of state dollars for the construction of new schools, including PS 287, PS 307, PS 143 and the Renaissance Charter School.
- Successfully lobbying Schools Chancellor Walcott to restore classroom seats cut from the Department of Education's school construction plan for our area.
- Authoring the "chica card" law to keep brothel business cards and lewd images from littering the streets and ending up in the hands of school children.

- Introducing a bill to reclassify sex trafficking as a violent felony and increase the minimum jail sentence to five years.
- Pressing for real jail time for manufacturing and selling counterfeit official documents, an illicit industry thriving on Roosevelt Avenue that threatens public safety and personal and government property and resources.
- Enlisting the Doe Fund to clean up trash, litter and graffiti.
- My microstamping bill, hailed as an important piece of crime-fighting legislation by The New York Times, Daily News and the District Attorneys Association of the State of New York.
- Voting for the lowest personal income tax rates in more than 50 years, allowing more than 4.4 million New Yorkers to keep more of their hard-earned money.
- Voting to raise the state's minimum wage.
- Working with city government and community-based organizations to find the space needed to finally make pre-kindergarten truly universal in our community and move our children out of trailers and into real classrooms.
- Advocating for immigrants and helping get results, including a governor's executive order ensuring that non-English speakers have access to state services to which they're entitled.
- Fighting for—and winning—strengthened rent regulations. Fighting to keep families facing foreclosure in their homes.
- Being a leader in the legislature in bringing speed cameras to school zones.
- Bringing into the community dozens of major employers, with hundreds of positions to fill, for job fairs.
- Collecting and delivering truckloads of donated food, clothing, water, blankets and other essentials in the wake of Superstorm Sandy to distressed South Queens communities.

Enjoy a fun, safe summer. If you have any questions or need help, do not hesitate to stop by my office or call.

Sincerely,

Jose Peralta



← Five of Senator Peralta's gun bills, including legislation to revoke the gun licenses and confiscate the firearms of the mentally ill, were part of the NY Safe Act Governor Cuomo signed into law.



↑ Senator Peralta supported striking workers at Off Broadway Car Wash in Elmhurst and applauded their courage in standing up to secure weeks of back pay and have their work schedules restored.



Peralta lands crossing guard for dangerous intersection

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It took more than a year and a half and dozens of letters and phone calls, but state Sen. Jose Peralta (D-Jackson Heights) will finally get a crossing guard replaced near P.S. 206 in Rego Park.

← Senator Peralta's persistence paid off in finally having a crossing guard assigned to the intersection of the Horace Harding Expressway and Junction Blvd. near P.S. 206 and Lefrak City.



↑ The DREAM Act, which would provide undocumented immigrants access to state tuition aid for college, came within one vote of passage in the Senate, where Senator Peralta is its prime sponsor. The March vote leaves the DREAM Act well-positioned for passage in the near future.



← Dozens of restaurateurs and small business owners turned out for Senator Peralta's forum with city officials to learn about proposed changes to the restaurant letter-grade and fine system, the new paid sick leave law and securing access to capital.

PS 287

Queens

New School

Anticipated Occupancy: SE



← In the never-ending battle against overcrowding, Senator Peralta has secured tens of millions of dollars to build new schools and has worked with community-based organizations to find space for Universal Pre-Kindergarten programs.



↑ Senator Peralta joined DC 37 in the successful fight to keep the Corona Health Center open.

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