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Welcome to my first newsletter!

Since taking office this past January, I have been honored to serve as a member of the 214th Legislature, representing the residents of District 39 along with Assemblywoman Charlotte Vandervalk and Senator Gerald Cardinale. Together, we have been working with Governor Christie to enact reforms that will put an end to the short-sighted policies of wasteful spending and irresponsible borrowing of past administrations. Things looked bleak at the start of 2010: we learned that New Jersey was nearly \$11 billion in debt. To make up for this devastating shortfall, some very difficult cuts had to be made in order to get our state back on track. The budget process was not an easy one, but in the end, the Governor's plan garnered bi-partisan support, with legislators from both parties coming together to support his initiatives. Taking part in the process for the first time, I was proud to sponsor several bills that will help streamline government, strengthen our state's infrastructure and generate revenue.

As a member of the Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee and the Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee, I've been an active participant in the legislative process, releasing dozens of new bills designed to make New Jersey a more affordable and safer place to live. I also have several pieces of legislation that I am spearheading, including the fight to repeal Kyleigh's Law, which puts our teen drivers at risk. To learn more about this and other initiatives, see KeepNJSafe on page 2.

In addition to my work down in Trenton, I've enjoyed the opportunity to attend and participate in various activities across our district, including Eagle Scout Courts of Honor, DARE Graduations and other worthwhile community events. I always enjoy hearing from my constituents, be it in person, via email, over the phone or even through my blog or social networking page. Please keep the lines of communication open, and feel free to contact me anytime with any problems, questions or concerns you may have. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you as your State Assembly Representative.

Constituent Services

My legislative office at 123 Broadway in Woodcliff Lake is staffed 9:30am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday to offer constituent services. We are available to assist you with a variety of questions or issues that might arise, including NJ Notary Applications/Renewals, inquiries on bills and key initiatives pending with the legislature, red tape issues, local concerns, and more. We also have free brochures and educational materials available with helpful information on a variety of events, activities and tourism opportunities throughout our state. Call us at 201-391-3673 for more information or to set up an appointment.

Towns in District 39: Allendale, Alpine, Closter, Cresskill, Demarest, Dumont, Emerson, Harrington Park, Haworth, Hillsdale, Ho-Ho-Kus, Montvale, New Milford, Northvale, Norwood, Old Tappan, Oradell, Park Ridge, Ramsey, River Edge, River Vale, Rockleigh, Saddle River, Upper Saddle River, Waldwick, Township of Washington, Westwood, Woodcliff Lake

Keep NJ Safe: Legislation Introduced This Year

Last year, I founded KeepNJSafe, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization committed to raising awareness on victims' rights in the State of New Jersey. Since joining the Assembly in January, I have been hard at work drafting new legislation in order to make NJ a safer place to live and raise a family. Here are just some of the bills I introduced this year as a prime sponsor:

- **A-2245** states that individuals who commit serious crimes such as murder, kidnapping, or extortion, under the No Early Release Act (NERA) will not be eligible for the three-year parole review cycle
- **A-2506** is an amendment to strengthen Joan's Law, establishing that anyone who commits murder while committing a sexual offense on a person younger than 18 years old will never be eligible for parole. This will replace the current age limit set for Joan's Law of 14 years old.
- **A-3210** repeals the red decals that

Graduated Driver's License holders must attach to their license plates under Kyleigh's Law. The bill will also require a parent or legal guardian to sign a waiver to ensure acknowledgment and agreement to the restrictions. A new fine schedule will be established to coincide with the amendments to the GDL program:

1st Offense – fine of \$100 for driver, fine of \$50 for parent or legal guardian

2nd Offense – fine of \$200 for driver, fine of \$100 for parent or legal guardian, 3 month extension of GDL probation period

3rd Offense - fine of \$300 for driver, fine of \$200 for parent or legal guardian, 6 month extension of GDL probation period

4th Offense or higher – fine of \$500 for driver, fine of \$500 for parent or legal guardian, 1 year extension of GDL probation period

- **A-3226** "Dusty's Law" establishes a fine for an owner of an animal that attacks or interferes with the duties of a service animal or service animal in training used in law enforcement, search and rescue, or service for a person with disabilities.
- **A-832** establishes new crimes against human attacks on service animals. This will also amend existing law to increase penalties for attacks on law enforcement animals.
- **A-3209** states that before a vehicle used by a law enforcement agency can be sold to the public it must first be stripped of: any markings or decals from said agency, interior equipment to assist in law enforcement, side mounted spot-lights, strobe lights, sirens, and antennas.

Visit www.KeepNJSafe.org for more information.

Stay in Touch

Questions or Comments? There are several options for constituents to keep in touch:

- Join my fan page on Facebook
- Follow me on Twitter: @SchroederNJ
- Read my blog (www.robertschroeder.com/wordpress)
- Email me at AsmSchroeder@njleg.org
- Call my office at (201) 391-3673, Monday thru Friday from 9:30am to 4:30pm.

Host a Meet and Greet

If you have concerns or questions about issues affecting our district, I'd be happy to sit down and talk about it with you and your neighbors or community organization. Please contact my office at (201)391-3673 or email me directly at AsmSchroeder@njleg.org to arrange a meeting.



Photo Gallery

Highlights from January - September 2010



Taking the oath of office administered by Assembly Speaker Sheila Oliver and Assembly Minority Leader Alex DeCroce.



My first Assembly Voting Session



Speaking at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the newly-renovated River Vale Free Public Library.



At VFW Post #8946 in Woodcliff Lake for the installation of Commander Ray Johns



Experiencing a blindfolded Guide Dog training session at The Seeing Eye



With Event Organizer Don Dickstein and Haworth Mayor John DeRienzo at the 11th Annual Andiamo Motorcycle Run



My news conference in Trenton regarding my fight to repeal the Kyleigh's Law decals



Placing a ceremonial stitch in the National 9/11 flag from Ground Zero on Constitution Day



With Secretary of Agriculture Douglas Fisher at the Eastern Regional Produce Council meeting in Hillsdale



At Drumthwacket with fellow District 39 representatives Senator Cardinale and Assemblywoman Vandervalk



Discussing constituent concerns and local issues with Governor Christie

For more photos, visit my Facebook album:
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Robert-Schroeder>

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Issues of Interest in District 39

One of the most valuable resources I've had this year is your feedback about the issues that affect District 39. Here are some of the popular topics you've contacted me about:

Pascack Valley Hospital

As a volunteer firefighter and emergency responder, I strongly support the efforts to re-open Pascack Valley Hospital, and have maintained close communication with the current administration about the importance of this issue. I am confident that PVH *will* be reopened in order to better serve the health and wellness needs of the people in our community. I will continue working with Governor Christie to make that happen.

Tax Reform

Earlier this year we secured bipartisan support for the 2.0% cap to hold the line on spending. Now, the Assembly and Senate need to continue to work together to enact the rest of the Governor's Toolkit reforms to bring tax relief to New Jersey.

School Funding

Schools in District 39 recently received an additional \$1,181,902 in federal monies for the Education Job Fund. I will continue to advocate for additional funding to ensure that our schools get their fair share of aid from both the state and federal government.



Upcoming Assembly

Voting Sessions

November 22

December 13

Watch Voting Sessions live on the web:

www.njleg.state.nj.us/media/live_audio.asp