

*December 18, 2025*

Dear Neighbor:

From the gay bars to Zabar's, it has been an honor to have served as your State Senator for the past 13 years. In 2025 alone, I attended over 1,300 events, marched in 12 parades, spoke at 45 rallies, dismantled 2 ugly sheds, and discussed problems, hopes, and everything in-between with thousands of constituents. But that's just a snapshot of the number of events, meetings, and Senate sessions I've been lucky enough to have been a part in during my tenure as State Senator representing the West Side of Manhattan.

During these 13 years, I'm proud to say that 426 pieces of my legislation were signed into law. These bills include Medical Aid in Dying ([S.138](#)), announced just this week, which provides terminally ill New Yorkers with expanded end-of-life options, as well as the Gender Expression Non-Discrimination Act (GENDA) ([S.1047](#)) in 2019, which added gender identity and expression into New York's anti-discrimination laws and was of the first LGBTQ-specific pieces of legislation to pass the State Senate since marriage equality in 2011.

My office has handed out thousands of copies of my Older Adult Resource and Parent and Family Resource Guides, attended many monthly Community Board meetings, and awarded hundreds of Proclamations celebrating West Siders and their accomplishments.

From Day One, I've been a strong supporter of environmental rights. In 2013, when I first joined the New York Senate, the New York League of Conservation Voters named me to their "New Generation 2013," the organization's list of up-and-coming environmental leaders. I also received the highest State Senate score from Environmental Advocates as one of 11 Senators voting correctly on every environmental bill in the 2013 Legislative Session, and I convened New York's first-ever legislative forum on man-made climate change in Albany in 2015.

other vibrant and diverse neighborhoods that make up the beautiful borough of Manhattan.

Once more, from the gay bars to Zabar's, I'm honored to have been your State Senator for the 47th District of New York. I'm looking forward to everything to come - and if anyone has a new catchphrase for neighborhoods as Manhattan Borough President, let me know.

Sincerely,

*Brad Hoylman-Sigal*

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State Senator, District 47



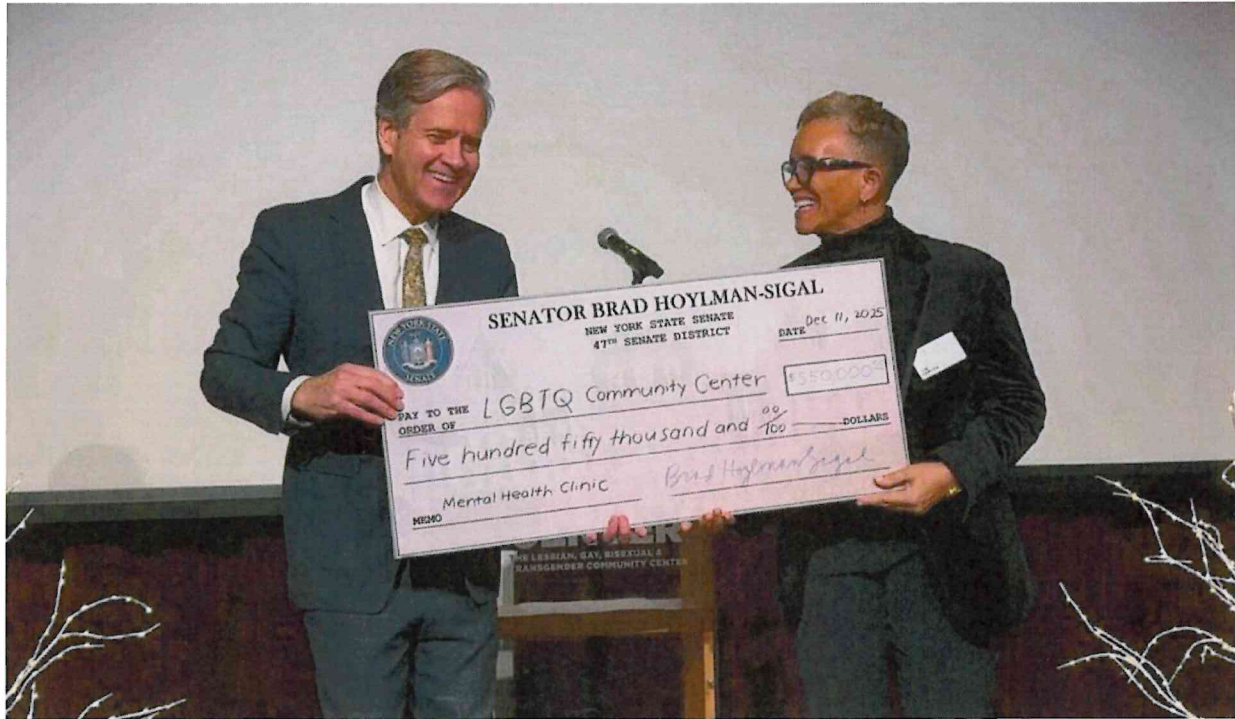
#### **Announcement of Medical Aid in Dying**

Yesterday, Governor Hochul announced the passing of my Medical Aid in Dying bill (S.138), which I sponsored in the Senate alongside Assemblymember Amy Paulin. This legislation provides terminally ill New Yorkers who have less than six months to live with expanded end-of-life options to end their suffering in peace. We

first introduced this legislation nine years ago, and now, this announcement is a monumental victory for New York, as we became the 13th state, along with Washington D.C., to allow medical aid in dying. I'm grateful for all of our dedicated medical, legal, and other statewide advocates and stakeholders for helping us make sure this legislation crossed the finish line before my time as a Senator comes to an end.

#### **Celebration of the Removal of the District's "Worst Sidewalk Shed"**

Back in October, the sidewalk shed at 51 West 86th Street that Assemblymember Micah Lasher and I awarded "Worst Shed" at the inaugural 2025 Sheddies Awards this past spring was finally removed, and we celebrated a few weeks later at the Sheddies Award Party. The shed had outlasted two Mayors, two Popes, and seven Taylor Swift eras - but now, happily, it will only exist in our memories.



### LGBT Center Holiday Party

Last week, I attended the LGBT Center's Holiday Party not only to celebrate the Center's productive year of crucial advocacy but also to present a check for \$550,000 for the Center's new mental health clinic. I am proud to have secured this funding to help the Center continue its essential work providing accessible mental health and counseling services to New Yorkers across the city.