



## June 16, 2010 Press Conference Statement in Support of Senior Bill Package

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### **S. 949**

RP tax exemption

### **S. 1839**

EPIC Eligibility

### **S. 2056-B**

Missing Vulnerable  
Adults Clearinghouse

### **S. 4981**

Zoning & Planning  
Guidelines

### **S. 5376-A**

Elder Abuse Reporting

### **S. 6853**

SCRIE Program

### **S. 7512-A**

NORC In-Kind Support

### **S. 7513**

NORC Matching Funds

### **S. 7567**

LTC Ombudsman Access

### **S. 7647**

NORC Eligibility

### **S. 8033**

Election Law

The New York State Association of Area Agencies on Aging supports the package of Senate bills to assist senior citizens, relating to:

- the Elderly Pharmaceutical Assistance Program (EPIC)
- real property tax exemptions
- Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORCs)
- creation of a missing vulnerable adults clearinghouse
- access to absentee voting in nursing homes, and
- model zoning for age-integrated communities

We commend the Senate bill sponsors and Senator Diaz, Chair of the Senate Aging Committee, for focusing attention on issues affecting seniors.

These bills lay a foundation of improved access to information and services for senior citizens and the increasing number of baby boomers reaching age 60.

The updated 2009 Census reflects the age 60+ population at 3.66 million, or 18.7% of New York State's population.

This comprehensive package of bills is critically important to seniors because it would expand access to programs and services that enable them to live independently with dignity in their homes and communities.