



## SENATOR KRISTEN GONZALEZ 59<sup>TH</sup> SENATE DISTRICT

### March 2023 Full Board Report to Manhattan Community Board 6

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#### **Highlights**

1. In legislative news, the New York State Senate Internet and Technology Committee Advanced the Secure Our Data Act (S.5007), sponsored by Committee Chair Senator Kristen Gonzalez. This legislation would prepare and protect New York state entities against ransomware attacks by:
  - a. requiring the Office of Information and Technology Services to develop data protection standards for state agencies;
  - b. requiring state entities to engage in regular vulnerability testing of its information systems;
  - c. requiring each state entity to create an inventory of its information systems; and
  - d. requiring each state entity to develop an incident response plan for ransomware and other malware attacks.
  
2. Last month, Senator Gonzalez joined her Senate colleagues in voting to pass the Build Public Renewables Act (BPRA). This legislation will transform the energy sector in New York by allowing the New York Power Authority (NYPA) to own and build new energy-generating projects, which they cannot currently do. The BPRA requires NYPA to be the sole electricity provider for all state and municipal buildings and mandates that NYPA provide 100 percent renewable energy by 2030.

3. Throughout the next month, the Senator will be away in Albany to continue to fight for the needs of Senate District 59 during this month's budget negotiations. If there is a particular budget item that you would like our office to support, we highly encourage you to reach out to our office at the contact information below.
4. As always, our office is always here to assist constituents. Please do not hesitate to reach out by emailing us at [gonzalez@nysenate.gov](mailto:gonzalez@nysenate.gov) or calling us at (718) 765-6674 if you need assistance with any government agency or if you wish to share an opinion on legislation.