

DISTRICT ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

2/28/08
Police



PRESIDENT
JAMES A. MURPHY III
SARATOGA COUNTY

PRESIDENT-ELECT
DANIEL M. DONOVAN
RICHMOND COUNTY

1st VICE PRESIDENT
KATHLEEN B. HOGAN
WARREN COUNTY

2nd VICE PRESIDENT
DEREK P. CHAMPAGNE
FRANKLIN COUNTY

3rd VICE PRESIDENT
MICHAEL C. GREEN
MONROE COUNTY

SECRETARY
EDWARD D. SASLAW
QUEENS COUNTY

TREASURER
ADA ROBERT M. NIGRO
NASSAU COUNTY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CHAIRPERSON
* FRANK J. CLARK
ERIE COUNTY

TERRENCE M. PARKER
ALLEGANY COUNTY

* ROBERT T. JOHNSON
BRONX COUNTY

GERALD F. MOLLEN
BROOME COUNTY

JON E. BUDELMANN
CAYUGA COUNTY

LAWRENCE FRIEDMAN
GENESEE COUNTY

* CHARLES J. HYNES
INGS COUNTY

THOMAS E. MORAN
LIVINGSTON COUNTY

MICHAEL C. GREEN
MONROE COUNTY

KATHLEEN RICE
NASSAU COUNTY

* ROBERT M. MORGENTHAU
NEW YORK COUNTY

SCOTT D. McNAMARA
ONEIDA COUNTY

* WILLIAM J. FITZPATRICK
ONONDAGA COUNTY

R. MICHAEL TANTILLO
ONTARIO COUNTY

* FRANCIS D. PHILLIPS II
ORANGE COUNTY

* RICHARD A. BROWN
QUEENS COUNTY

NICOLE M. DUVÉ
ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY

* ROBERT M. CARNEY
SCHENECTADY COUNTY

* JOHN C. TUNNEY
STEUEN COUNTY

THOMAS J. SPOTA
SUFFOLK COUNTY

STEPHEN F. LUNGEN
SULLIVAN COUNTY

ARD M. HEALY
LYNE COUNTY

JANET DIFIORE
WESTCHESTER COUNTY

* PAST DAASNY PRESIDENT.

January 30, 2008

Hon. RoAnn Destito
New York State Assembly
State Office Building, Room 401
207 Genesee Street
Utica, New York 13501

Hon. Joseph A. Griffo
New York State Senate
Legislative Office Building, Room 944
Albany, New York 12248

Dear Assemblyperson Destito and Senator Griffo:

As president of the District Attorneys Association of the State of New York, I am writing to urge you to support Assembly Bill 9614 and Senate Bill 6623; respectively; Aggravated Harassment of a Police or Peace Officer. This legislation would make it a class E felony to strike, shove or kick, or otherwise subject to physical contact, a police or peace officer who is engaged in the course of performing his lawful duties, with the intent to harass that officer. This legislation has the endorsement of the District Attorneys Association of the State of New York as it would serve to protect law enforcement officers who face an ever increasing threat to their safety. Under the present law a defendant who subjects a law enforcement officer to such contact but causes no physical injury can be charged with Harassment in the Second Degree, a mere violation. Our law enforcement officers deserve the protection such an increased penalty will afford them. This bill has been endorsed by the New York State Correction Officers Benevolent Association and many other law enforcement agencies.

Thank you, in advance, for your support of this important legislation.

Very truly yours,

James A. Murphy, III
President

JAM,III:pah

Cc: Hon. Joseph R. Lentol, Chairperson
Hon. Dale M. Volker, Chairperson
MUNICIPAL CENTER, 25 WEST HIGH STREET
BALLSTON SPA, NY 12020
TEL. (518) 885-2263 FAX (518) 884-8627