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SENATE FAILS TO PASS SCHIMEL'S MICROSTAMPING BILL *Lobbying Efforts for Bill's Passage Continues*

Assemblywoman Michelle Schimel is appalled by the actions of the Senate Republicans, who, with one exception, joined three upstate Democrats in voting against her microstamping legislation (A.6468c/S.6005a) on Tuesday, June 15, 2010. Those Senators who opposed the measure sent a clear message to police and gun victims and their families: You Don't Matter!

Earlier in the day, Michelle joined Senator Eric Schneiderman, New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, Mayors Against Illegal Guns, and members of the law enforcement community for a press conference held outside the Capitol Building in Albany. The group hoped to convince the State Senate to pass microstamping legislation (A.6468c/S.6005a), which has been endorsed by over 80 law enforcement agencies and police departments and more than 100 Mayors from across the state.

The bipartisan group of Mayors, District Attorneys, Police, and Legislators recently waged a statewide media campaign featuring television, radio and newspaper ads in which law enforcement officers implore the State Senate to vote in favor of microstamping. Their message was clear: the significance and value of microstamping defies the boundaries of party-politics.



Michelle's microstamping bill would require all semiautomatic pistols manufactured by or delivered to any licensed firearms dealer in New York to be capable of microstamping by January 1, 2012. Microstamping ensures that when a gun is fired, information

identifying the make, model and serial number of the gun is stamped onto the cartridge as numbers and letters. This information allows law enforcement officials to trace firearms through cartridge casings found at crime scenes, even if the crime gun is not recovered.

To learn more about Michelle's fight for microstamping legislation please visit her Assembly website at: <http://www.assembly.state.ny.us/mem/?ad=16>.